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**MYER HOTEL TEAM COMPLETES FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING**

Branson, MO – After successful completion of a 5-week training program, Dee Dee Swanson and Jeff Mann, of the Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills have been certified by the Branson Fire Department as members of our Community Emergency Response Team. Swanson and Mann will be able to provide basic emergency response after a disaster, meeting critical needs when first responders are unavailable.

The focus of their training required completion in the following courses:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Emergency Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Personal Safety and Property Protection
- Animal Care and Protection
- Course Review and Disaster Drill

“We are thankful to have associates such as Dee Dee and Jeff on our hotel staff,” noted Bob Williams, General Manger of Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills. “Having an emergency responder on site is an invaluable asset.”

Swanson has also completed certification as a CERT instructor and can now teach disaster preparedness classes for 2008. Manns currently volunteers at the local fire department and plans to pursue law enforcement training in 2008.

Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills is one of five award-winning Myer Hotels. In the lodging business for 40 years, the Myer family has actively contributed to Branson’s hospitality market for over 24 years and received numerous national awards. Myer Hotels also includes the Best Western Center Pointe Inn, Best Western Music Capital Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites Branson Meadows and Comfort Inn West. The properties emphasize excellent locations, countless amenities and exceptional customer service while focusing on great value in the upper mid-scale area. For more information please visit [www.myerhotels.com](http://www.myerhotels.com).