



CERT ALERT

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Are You Ready?

September is National Preparedness Month, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The department collaborates with national, regional, state, and local organizations to raise the public's awareness in preparing for emergencies at home, work, and school. For more information, go to <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm/index.htm>.

On **Saturday, September 16th**, a Bedford Preparedness Day event will be held at the Bedford Library from **10 am to 3 pm**. The Amateur Radio Club, CFA, CPA, CERT, and the Red Cross will have information available to educate the community on how to prepare for emergencies. The Bedford Library is located at 1805 L. Don Dodson Drive. Volunteers are still needed to staff the CERT table. Please contact Melanie Curl at bedfordccc@yahoo.com.

CERT Class #5 Needs You!

CERT class #5 starts **Monday, September 25th**. More participants are needed! Please let Melanie Curl know ASAP if you know of someone who is interested. Applications are available at http://fire.ci.bedford.tx.us/EMO_Cert.htm. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, September 21st**.

Grab Your Backpacks

The CERT live drill is **Saturday, September 30th**! This drill is a valuable chance to use your skills and to meet other CERT members. Time will be announced.

The Scoop on the Call Tree

A combination call tree drill and ice cream social was held on Saturday, September 9th at the Bedford Boys Ranch. CERT members enjoyed delicious treats, good conversation, and an opportunity to test the call tree. Thanks to David Beck and Pat Lane for bringing the ice cream!

Based on the call tree drill, we are revamping the format and also updating contact information. Please review your information on the call tree list, and let Melanie Curl know if any of your phone numbers have changed.

Know Your Zone

If you are dispatched, report to your staging area **unless otherwise notified**.

Here is the configuration of the zones:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Where You Live</u>	<u>Staging Area</u>
1	South of Highway 183 to the city limits	Fire Station #3 541 Bedford Road (station is located at the water tower)
2	North of Highway 183 and south of Harwood	Fire Station #1 1816 Bedford Road
3	North of Harwood to the city limits	Parking lot between the Airport YMCA and Spring Garden Elementary on Cummings just east of Central

Meet the Bedford Citizen Corps Council (BCCC)

President: Melanie Curl
Vice President: David Beck
Treasurer: Helen Dunlop

Other members: Chief James Tindell (Fire Department), Chief David Flory (Police Department), Pam Conley, Geoff Graham (Carter Bloodcare), Mary Pat Black (Harris HEB)

September Tip

Check the batteries in your flashlights. Have extra ones handy, so you're not left in the **DARK**.

Helpful Websites

Bedford Citizen Corps:	http://www.bedfordccc.org/
Bedford Fire Dept.:	http://fire.ci.bedford.tx.us/
Bedford Police Dept.:	http://www.bedfordpolice.com/
Citizens Corps Council:	http://www.citizencorps.gov/
Department of Homeland Security:	http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/
FEMA:	http://www.fema.gov/
Ready.gov:	http://www.ready.gov/
Red Cross:	http://www.redcross.org/