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Bedford CERT Volunteer Opportunity January 19th!

- Who:** 15 volunteers
- What:** SWAT Medic Training
- When:** **Friday, January 19th**, meet by 6:45 a.m.
- Where:** Law Enforcement Center (LEC)
- Details:** From the LEC, volunteers will go to the D/FW Airport Public Safety Firing Range. Lunch will be provided, and volunteers should be released by 4:00 p.m. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing, because of the possibility of moulage (mock injuries) being applied at the training.
- Contact:** Please call Officer Butch Lindsey at 817-952-2444 as soon as possible. Also, please let Melanie Curl know if you're volunteering.



Upcoming Skill Drill

Practice using fire extinguishers, cribbing, triage, and first aid at the Bedford CERT Skill Drill on **Saturday January 27th**! Meet up at 10:00 a.m. at the LEC. Please RSVP to Melanie if you plan to participate.

Illustration from www.mufirti.org/shop/

We Want **YOU** To Be A CERT Recruiter

CERT #6 kicks off for its weekly classes on **Thursday, February 22nd** from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the LEC, with a week off for Spring Break.

As Melanie says, if everyone in CERT refers one person, it would fill up three classes. Refer anyone who lives and/or works in Bedford. Class members must be age 18 or over.

Applications are found online at http://fire.ci.bedford.tx.us/EMO_Cert.htm or at the Skill Drill on January 27th.

Be The Eye On The Storm

Learn how to spot storms by taking a SKYWARN class. An upcoming class will be on **Saturday, February 3rd** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lake Arlington Baptist Church, 2912 Little Road. The area class schedule is at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html>.

The class was established by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, and is a prerequisite for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) storm spotting for radio amateurs. The class teaches the development, structure, and features of storms, as well as how and what information to report, and basic safety (see <http://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>).

Watch For More Information

More information will be coming soon about Emergency Responder training, the radio licensing class, and more continuing education.

January Tip

Here are two tips from *Consumer Reports.org* (March 2006) regarding clothes dryer fires:

- Clean inside, behind, and underneath the dryer, where lint can also build up.
- Take special care drying clothes stained with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. Wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of these chemicals on the clothing, and line dry instead of using a dryer.

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/appliances/washing-machines/truths-and-myths-of-dryer-fires-306/overview/index.htm>

Bedford CERT: <http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/council/boards/cert.htm>

Information for the "CERT Alert" newsletter should be submitted by the 10th of every month to John and Kathi Sargent at kc8@tx.rr.com.