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## CERT #6 Is Starting Soon

CERT #6 begins **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, with one week off for Spring Break. For more details, please contact Melanie Curl at [bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com](mailto:bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com).

CERT alumni are always welcome to attend any class sessions as refreshers!

## Being Prepared: The Emergency Responder Class

The more skills you have, the more prepared you are to deal with emergency situations, especially during the time prior to the arrival of advanced medical personnel.

The Emergency Responder class, taught by Val Roach (CERT #3), provides you with training on topics such as patient assessment, oxygen administration, and immobilization. It's 32-40 hours, including coursework and skills, and is the Red Cross equivalency course for the State of Texas Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) certification. Upon course completion, students are qualified to take the ECA exam.

The next class begins **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, and will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. through April 25<sup>th</sup>, with time off for Spring Break. Guest instructors include Melanie Curl, Jen Lindsey, and Chief Richardson.

Please contact Val Roach ASAP for details if you're interested, at [cpa2c2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpa2c2@sbcglobal.net) or at 817-285-8780.

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The BCCC has 10 full scholarships available for Bedford CERT members. Email [bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com](mailto:bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com) **on or before Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** to have your name entered in a drawing that will take place on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the first 10 names drawn will be awarded the scholarships, good for participation in any Emergency Responder course taught by Val Roach during 2007, with a completion date on or before December 31, 2007.

**Be A Storm Spotter**

If you were unable to attend the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Storm Spotters training, you have a forecasted 100-percent chance to learn more about severe weather. TESSA, the Texas Severe Storms Association, will have its 2007 National Storm Conference on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Colleyville Center, 5301 Riverwalk Drive, Colleyville 76034.

The conference website at <http://www.tessa.org/> states that among its attendees, the conference includes "storm spotters, storm chasers, emergency managers, forecasters, researchers, educators, and students from across the U.S."

Speakers include Gary Woodall from the National Weather Service-Fort Worth (who has taught CE for Bedford CERT), and David Finrock, Emmy-winning chief meteorologist at NBC5/KXAS-TV.

**February Tip**

Do you know a watch from a warning?

- **Watch:** Conditions are right for particular weather event(s): tornado, storm, flood, etc.
- **Warning:** The weather event is occurring in the area specified.

*(Information from 2007 Severe Weather Seminar,  
Fort Worth-Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management)*

The Fort Worth-Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management website is:

<http://www.fortworthgov.org/emo/index.asp>

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***This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of  
Battalion Chief Mark Johnson, Bedford Fire Department.***

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

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the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month to John and Kathi Sargent at [kc8@tx.rr.com](mailto:kc8@tx.rr.com).*