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September is National Preparedness Month



Be Bedford Prepared

Come join in for Bedford's fun and educational event to commemorate National Preparedness Month! *Be Bedford Prepared* will be on **Saturday, September 15th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bedford Wal-Mart at 4101 Highway 121.

Be Bedford Prepared is a collaboration of Bedford CERT, the Fire Department, Citizens Fire Academy Alumni, Citizens Police Academy Alumni, the Amateur Radio Club, and the Red Cross.

CERT will have cribbing demonstrations, a moulage "injury/bandage" table for children, and information tables about preparedness. Please let Pat Lane know at peacnluv@sbcglobal.net if you can lend a hand in any of the following:

In the next few weeks:

- getting information to churches, schools, and day care centers,
- distributing flyers,
- assembling "goody" bags.

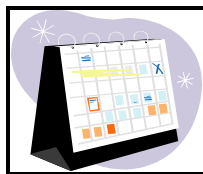
On the day of the event:

- setting up and tearing down,
- cribbing for at least three demonstrations,
- doing light moulage and teaching basic bandaging to children,
- working the CERT information tables,
- explaining the importance of preparedness to children.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Event Reminders

- **Friday, August 17th:** Disaster City trip. Meeting time is 7:00 a.m. sharp at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Drive time is 3-4 hours to Bryan-College Station, and the tour begins at 11:00 a.m. After the tour, the departure time is scheduled for approximately 2:00 p.m. Please let Melanie Curl know ASAP at bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com if you would like to attend. More details, including a map, will be coming soon.
- **Saturday, August 18th:** This is the Saturday during tax-free shopping weekend, and Val Roach will be at North East Mall in Hurst, set up near the food court from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She'll conduct blood pressure screenings and provide information and demonstrations as requested. Please come help to promote CERT, the Red Cross, Citizens Fire Academy, Citizens Police Academy, Amateur Radio, and the *Be Bedford Prepared* event!
- **Saturday, August 25th:** CERT Survivor. Approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the LEC. Start brushing up on skills – your survival depends on it!
- **Starting Tuesday, September 4th:** Emergency Responder Class taught by Val Roach. Class will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for approximately eight weeks. Location will be announced. Please email Val at cpa2c2@sbcglobal.net to RSVP or for more information. Please see page 3 for a list of Bedford CERT members who have taken this class.
- **Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th:** McKinney CERT Olympics. Details to come. <http://www.mckinneyfire.org/frameset.asp?aid=144>
- **Saturday, September 15th:** *Be Bedford Prepared*. Please see the information on page 1.
- **Saturday, September 29th:** Team-wide drill. Details to come.
- **Saturday, October 27th:** Santa USA volunteer orientation and training at the Pat May Center in Bedford. Santa USA is a program in which helicopters transport Santa and other characters to visit area schools, hospitals, retirement homes, and prisons, with most visits occurring during mid-December. Volunteers donate their time in the air and on the ground. For more information and photos, please go to <http://www.santa-usa.org/>.



Congratulations, ER-Certified Responders!

The following individuals have completed Val Roach's Emergency Responder class:

Fall 2006: Helen Dunlop, Jamie Janke, Don Petersen, Tiffany Russell, Darren Wallerstedt.

Spring 2007: Steve Crawford, Curtis Franklin, Sterling Hartwell, Michele O'Day, John Sargent, Kathi Sargent, Jan Tidwell.

Summer 2007: Jean Belton, Mike Brickey (Bowie, TX), Jon Enright, Mary Enright, Grace Janke, Heather Renders, Jerry Williams.

Remember, the new class session starts **September 4th**! Please email Val at cpra2c2@sbcglobal.net to sign up or to ask questions!

Action Items

If you would like to suggest topics for future Continuing Education (CE) classes, please contact Melanie Curl with your ideas.

CERT #7 is scheduled to start this fall. Please recruit!

CERT + ICS²

The Ice Cream Social and the Incident Command System CE was Monday, July 30th, and CERT members enjoyed sweets and a discussion on the Incident Command System. Thanks to everyone who participated!

August Tip

Are you still ready?

U.S. Homeland Security's website is <http://www.ready.gov/>, with information and tips on emergency preparedness. The website has two new areas, "Older Americans" and "People With Disabilities."

One suggestion from the website is especially relevant during this "back-to-school" time of year: *Ask your child's school for a copy of their emergency plan for you to keep at home or work.*

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.