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CERTifiable Success!

Over 150 people received important preparedness information during the “Be Bedford Prepared” event on Saturday, September 15th. Thanks to all who participated!

Also, Bedford CERT wrapped up National Preparedness Month with the 2nd annual team-wide drill on Saturday, September 29th. The responders included: David Beck, Jean Belton, Tony Bissell, Steve Crawford, Curtis Franklin (Incident Commander), Frank Knox, John Sargent, Ann Thompson, Ann Treleven, and Darren Wallerstedt (Net Control).

For Your Schedule

- **Thursday, October 18th:** The topic for this month’s Continuing Education class is Delivering Death Notification and Working with Victims. The class is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the new training room, Fire Station #1, 1816 Bedford Road. The instructor is nationally-certified and recognized Critical Incident Responder and Police Chaplain Brian Hamlin. Please RSVP at www.bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com if you are attending.

Reminder: CE hours count for your dispatch level. Future CE topics include: Haz-Mat, Search and Rescue, Show-and-Tell with the Fire Department, How to Use Radios, and Safety and Atmos/TXU. Remember that your ideas are always welcome!

- **Saturday, October 20th:** October is Fire Safety Month, and Bedford Fire Department’s Open House is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 1816 Bedford Road. Come volunteer at the CERT information table – the Open House is a great recruiting opportunity for future CERT classes, such as for CERT Class #7, which has been postponed until January 2008. If you’re able to volunteer, please RSVP at www.bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com.

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- **Saturday, October 27th:** Distribute door hangers in residential areas to publicize smoke detector checks for the smoke alarm campaign with the Fire Department and Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association. Meet at Fire Station #1 at 8:30 a.m., and plan to spend about an hour. The actual smoke detector checks will take place on **Saturday, November 3rd**.
- **Saturday, October 27th:** Santa USA volunteer orientation and training is at the Pat May Center, 1849-B Central Drive, Bedford. Registration and refreshments are from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., helicopter landing is at 8:00 a.m., and the program is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with pizza being served at 11:00 a.m. The event includes a tribute to military and police personnel, and there will be music and door prizes. Dress is casual. The Santa USA program brings holiday cheer to community locations such as schools, hospitals, and retirement homes. More information is at <http://www.santa-usa.org/>.

October Tip

The U.S. Fire Administration offers these tips when making a fire escape plan:

- Practice Escaping From Every Room In The Home
- Security Bars Require Special Precautions
- Immediately Leave The Home
- Never Open Doors That Are Hot To The Touch
- Designate A Meeting Place Outside and Take Attendance
- Once Out, Stay Out
- Have Working Smoke Alarms

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/all_citizens/home_fire_prev/escape/

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.