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It's Like That TV Commercial

Remember the shampoo commercial? It went, "I told two friends... and they told two friends... and *they* told two friends ..."

Please recruit for CERT #7 by talking to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow churchgoers. The next session begins **Thursday, January 31st, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., through April 3rd**, with **March 13th** off for Spring Break. Drill date will be announced. Applications are online at <http://bedfordccc.net/index.htm>. If you have any questions, please e-mail bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com.

New Year's Resolutions

If you had a New Year's resolution to enhance your emergency assistance skills in 2008, then you have not just one, but TWO opportunities coming soon to take the Red Cross Emergency Responder class taught by CERT's own Val Roach. The class is 54-60 hours, and the cost is \$250 for CERT members, \$300 for non-CERT members, with flexible pay plans available. Completion of the class also counts toward two Continuing Education (CE) hours for CERT Dispatch Levels.

- **The week of Monday, February 4th:** This is an opportunity to complete the class in one week. Location will be determined. The tentative location is at the DFW Airport Fire Station or at 612 Hurst Drive in Bedford.
- **Beginning Saturday, February 9th:** This is a Saturdays-only class for eight weeks. Location will be determined. It will possibly be in Bedford or at a Red Cross location.

For more information, please contact Val Roach, office telephone 817-285-8780, cell telephone 817-913-5229, or at e-mail addresses cpra2c2@sbcglobal.net or ValsA2C2@gmail.com. Also, please see the website www.allaboutcpr.org.



Thanks for the opportunity to perfect our skills ...

... Our dancing, skills, that is! A resounding thanks go to Jean Belton for hosting the CERT Christmas party on Friday, December 14th, which was a night of music, food, and fun times!

Would You Like To Help?

Please send an e-mail to bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com if you'd like to help with the following activities:

- **Trailer committee:** Organize the trailer supplies, maintain records on stock, and retrieve the trailer when needed.
- **Celebration committee:** This is Bedford CERT's **5th** anniversary year! Do you like to plan parties? If so, this is the committee for you.
- **Recruiting committee** Assist in recruiting class participants. You know how valuable the instruction was that you gained from CERT – help make others aware of the same training.
- **Volunteer Opportunity committee:** Research needs in the community for ways that CERT can help.

Update on CE Hours

Everyone who attended a 2007 CE class and/or an emergency drill received an account of their total CE Hours and Drill Attendance. If you did not receive an e-mail, then the current records show that you did not attend a CE or a drill. If you took another class elsewhere, or took one through Bedford CERT and it wasn't reflected on your totals, please e-mail the information to Melanie Curl at bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com. Remember, Bedford CERT Level 1 Responder status requires eight CE Hours and one drill per year.

Please see page 1 of this newsletter for information on the Red Cross Emergency Responder class, for which you can earn hours, and page 3 for upcoming CE classes.

Introducing The New Phone System

The BCCC adopted an internet-based phone system, and it was a success when it was tested on Saturday, January 5th. Please e-mail bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com for any of the following scenarios, if you (1) did not receive a phone call, (2) were contacted at a number you do not prefer to use, (3) request to be removed from the call list, or (4) would like to be moved to Dispatch Level 2.

Calendar

- **Saturday, January 19th, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** CE for Red Cross CPR. Location is the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) Training Room. The charge for this class is \$45, and you can earn more certification by taking the Oxygen Administration segment for an additional \$10.
- **Thursday, January 24th, 2008, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:** CE for Bandaging, Splinting, and Lifts/Carries. Location is the LEC Training Room.
- **Saturday, January 26th, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:** CE for Hazardous Materials. Location is the Fire Department training room at Station 1. Instructor is Fire Chief James Richardson.
- **Thursday, January 31st:** CERT #7 begins. Please see page 1.
- **Saturday, Feb 2nd, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:** Skywarn Spotter Training. Location is South Hills High School, 6101 McCart Ave, Fort Worth 76133. Website is <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html>.
- **Week of Monday, February 4th:** Weeklong Red Cross Emergency Responder class. Please see page 1.
- **Saturday, February 9th:** Red Cross Emergency Responder “Saturday-only” class begins. Please see page 1.
- **Also in February:** Look for more CE’s – anticipated topics are refreshers on fire extinguishers and cribbing.
- **Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** The National Storm Conference at Colleyville Center. This is a free conference and is open to the public. The conference includes the annual Super Storm Spotter Training Session. Also, other topics covered during the sessions are storm chasing and severe weather forecasting and research. In addition, the National Weather Service, the National Severe Storms Laboratory, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research will conduct presentations. Attendees do not have to pre-register, but because seating is limited to 500, please arrive early. More information is at www.tessa.org.

January Tip

Do you have a portable emergency generator? If so, please see the tips on the National Safety Council’s website, including:

Engines emit carbon monoxide. Never use a generator inside your home, garage, crawl space, or other enclosed areas. Fatal fumes can build up, that neither a fan nor open doors and windows can provide enough fresh air.

<http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/generators.htm>

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