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On The Road Again

The Disaster City road trip to College Station has been rescheduled! Please mark your calendar for **Friday, April 4th, 2008**. This field trip counts as two Continuing Education (CE) hours. More details are to come.

Disaster City is a 52-acre training location and simulated community, which houses full-size collapsible structures used in preparing emergency personnel for real-life situations. Please see the website for more information and photos: <http://www.teex.com/teex.cfm?pageid=USARprog&area=USAR&templateid=1117>.

Meet CERT Class #7

CERT Class #7 started on Thursday, January 31st with an impressive 30 participants! Remember that CERT graduates are welcome to attend any class sessions to meet the current class members, and to review the topics and skills covered on the specific date. In addition, CERT graduates earn two hours of CE credit when attending a class as a refresher. All sessions are on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and are at the Bedford Law Enforcement Center (LEC). The scheduled list of topics is as follows:

- **February 21st**: Search and Rescue, Cribbing
- **February 28th**: Disaster Medical Operations, Lifts, Carries, Triage
- **March 6th**: Disaster Medical Operations, Bandaging, Splinting
- **March 20th**: Disaster Psychology
- **March 27th**: Terrorism, Review, Interior Search Drill
- **March 29th (Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)**: Review, Class Drill
- **April 3rd (7:30 p.m.)**: Graduation

If you have not participated in a graduation drill, please make note of the one on **Saturday, March 29th**. See you there!



Learning The Signs

Thank you to Firefighter Nick Rozier for the excellent CE on Haz-Mat held on January 26th! Nineteen people attended this CE, and learned about several scenarios and topics, including laws and regulations, health and safety, placards, equipment, response objectives, and decontamination.

Calendar

Addresses are:

Law Enforcement Center (LEC), 2121 L. Don Dodson Drive
Fire Station 1, 1816 Bedford Road

- **Wednesday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:** ATMOS Energy CE at Fire Station 1 Training Room.
- **Monday, March 3rd, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:** Citizens Police Academy begins, through **Monday, May 19th**. Location is the LEC. Learn about criminal investigations, narcotics, dispatch, SWAT, and the patrol division, among other topics. For an application and more information, please see <http://www.bedfordpolice.com/cpa.htm>, stop by the LEC, or call 817-952-2444.
- **Thursday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.:** Citizens Fire Academy begins, through **Thursday, May 15th**. Location is the Fire Station 1 training room. Areas covered include fire prevention, emergency apparatus and equipment, SCBA, search and rescue, victim extrication, the K-9 team, and EMS helicopters, with many activities as “hands-on.” Please see http://fire.ci.bedford.tx.us/FMO_CFA.htm or call 817-952-2509.
- **Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 a.m.:** Join the Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association (CFAAA) in distributing door hangers advising citizens about the smoke detector checks the following **Saturday, March 15th**. Meet at Fire Station 1.

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- **Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** National Storm Conference at Colleyville Center, which is free and open to the public. The conference includes the annual Super Storm Spotter Training Session and topics such as storm chasing and severe weather forecasting and research. No pre-registration is required, but because seating is limited to 500, arriving early is recommended. More information is at <http://www.tessa.org/>. Counts as two hours towards CE requirement.
- **Saturday, March 15th, 9:30 a.m.:** Residential smoke detector check with the CFAAA. Meet at Fire Station 1.
- **Friday, April 4th, 2008:** Disaster City trip. Counts as two hours towards CE requirement. Please see page 1 for more information.

Please stay tuned and watch your emails about a rescheduled date for the Cribbing CE.

Another Way To Get CE Credit

Texas is known for its weather, so many StormSpotter training classes are scheduled in various counties. Get two hours of CE credit by attending this training. Please see the National Weather Service website for a listing:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html>



February Tip

Severe Weather Awareness Week is **February 24th through March 1st**. The following National Weather Service website contains helpful information, including updates and advisories:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/safety/swaw/>

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.