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September is National Preparedness Month



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Update On Hurricane Ike Efforts

Thanks to everyone who is ready and willing to help those affected by Hurricane Ike. More volunteers are needed this week at the shelter at the Hurst Recreation Center. Please email bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com for more information.

New Date For CERT #8

Due to involvement of emergency personnel in Hurricane Ike relief operations, CERT #8 has been rescheduled to start a week later – it is now set to begin next **Monday, September 22nd**. If you have any questions, please email bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com.

BBP Is This Saturday

It's finally here – *Be Bedford Prepared* is **Saturday, September 20th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the future Bedford Library address, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, formerly Food Lion. There will be something for everyone in the community, including activities, food, prizes, and information on how to prepare homes, businesses, and families for emergencies. If you would like to volunteer for set up or tear down, or for the CERT table, please email bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com. More information is at <http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/>.

Staying Connected

To streamline the email notification process, Bedford Citizen Corps Council has established a Bedford CERT group on Yahoo. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving an email invitation to join this group. If you are not familiar with Yahoo Groups, it is a free service. If you have a Yahoo account, you will be able to access this group to view photos, files, and website links to other CERT groups in North Texas. If you do not have a Yahoo account, you will still receive email reminders, and you will be able to sign up for a Yahoo account at any time, if you decide.

Reminder: Zones

If dispatched, please report to your staging area, unless otherwise notified.

Zone	Where You Live	Staging Area
1	South of Highway 183 to the city limits	Fire Station #3, 541 Bedford Road (station located at water tower)
2	North of Highway 183 and south of Harwood	Fire Station #1, 1816 Bedford Road
3	North of Harwood to the city limits	Parking lot between the Airport YMCA and Spring Garden Elementary on Cummings, just east of Central

Calendar

- **Saturday, October 18th:** Santa USA training. Many CERT members assist with this program, and help in sharing holiday cheer with the community. Please see the website <http://santa-usa.org> for more information.
- **Saturday, October 25th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Fire Prevention Month Open House at the Central Fire Station, 1816 Bedford Road. More information is to come.

September Tip

Check your 72-hour readiness kit and all provisions and supplies for you, your family, and your animals. Check everything in your kit, including batteries, expiration dates, and medication. Review your plan with your family and stay informed by going to <http://www.ready.gov/america/index.html>.

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.

If you missed a past issue of the newsletter, please go to <http://bedfordccc.net> and click on the Newsletters link.