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Information On H1N1

For updated information, please go to the Texas Department of State Health Services web site at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/swineflu/default.shtm>.

CERT In The Community

At the Bedford City Council meeting on August 25, the city council declared September 2009 as Be Bedford Prepared Month. The purpose of Be Bedford Prepared Month is to encourage individuals, schools, and businesses to focus on emergency preparedness and on the reduction of risks.

Thanks to all the volunteers at Bedford's 4thFEST. CERT volunteers were treated to a free meal catered by Red Hot & Blue, a free T-shirt, VIP parking, and the best seat in the house for the fireworks display. Once again, this was a great opportunity to show the community what CERT can do.

CERT CE's

The CE on July 25 covered search and rescue, and was primarily an exercise on the best use of FRS radio in the field. The class on August 8 was a first aid refresher, and provided a chance to practice these essential skills. Val Roach taught a CE on August 20 about special populations and the challenges CERT members may encounter.

T-Shirts Are Here

The new Bedford CERT T-shirts will be available at all upcoming CE's, the CERT drill, and at all Class #10 sessions. Please see the calendar on page 2 for the dates and times for these CERT events. Each T-shirt is \$10 for sizes S-XL and \$12 for sizes 2XL-4XL. Supplies are limited, so please get your shirts while they last.

Recruit for Class #10

Class #10 is on Tuesdays, beginning September 15 and ending November 17. The class still has open slots, and if you know someone who is interested in taking the class, please encourage him or her to submit an application as soon as possible. Also, please remember that CERT graduates may attend any CERT training night as a refresher and earn two CE credit hours.

CERT National Newsletter

The CERT National Program Office announced the release of the August 2009 quarterly *CERT National Newsletter*. This newsletter features stories on local CERT programs across the country. To read the current issue as well as back issues, please go to <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/newsletter.shtm>.

Calendar

Please check your e-mail for ongoing CERT updates sent through Yahoo.

- **Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.:** Class #10 begins; continues on Tuesday nights through November 17.
- **Wednesday, September 30, 6 to 9 p.m.:** Crime scene and evidence protection CE.
- **Saturday, October 10:** Bedford Police Department Open House. More information will follow.
- **Saturday, October 10, 9:15 a.m.:** Santa USA orientation at First Baptist Church of Hurst. Many CERT members have been involved in the Santa USA program. For more information, please go to <http://www.santa-usa.org/>.
- **Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.:** CERT field trip to the Tarrant County Community College Northwest Campus Fire Training Center. This trip is for CERT graduates only. No young children, please. Please e-mail Melanie Curl at curl_girl01@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend.
- **Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.:** Santa USA training and certification at the Pat May Center.
- **Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Bedford Fire Department Open House. Volunteers are needed to staff the CERT display table.
- **Saturday, October 31, 9 a.m. to 12 noon:** Team-wide drill. More details to come.
- **Saturday, November 7, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.:** Fall door hangers with the Bedford Fire Department.
- **Saturday, November 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.:** Smoke detector checks with the Bedford Fire Department.

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