



## CERT ALERT



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## Thank You and Happy 2012



I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Bedford CERT Program. Even if it's been awhile since you've been to a CERT CE or had your CERT training, please drop in for any events. We'd love to see you.

I hope 2012 is a good year for you. Please be safe.

*John Sargent*

*President Bedford Citizen Corps Council*

### Calendar

Thursday, February 23, 2012, 6-30-9:30 p.m., CERT Class 13 begins at LEC.  
Monday, April 28, 2012, CERT Drill

## Activations, alerts, field trips keep us busy

The year 2011 was exciting for Bedford CERT. We had two activations: one in February during the ice storm and the other for the Silver Alert. We went to Disaster City and the DFW EOC (Emergency Operations Command). Bedford CERT had display tables and the CERT trailer at the Police and Fire Department Open houses. Team members participated in the Fire Department Smoke detector door hangers and check along with several informative CE's throughout the year.

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Nat'l CERT newsltr: [http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/newsletter/CERT\\_Newsletter\\_V3\\_I4.pdf](http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/newsletter/CERT_Newsletter_V3_I4.pdf)

*Bedford Changes—***CCC gets new Fire Department liaison and training VP**

Bedford Citizen Corps Council is seeing some changes. If you had not heard, Rick Nash has retired from the Bedford Fire Department (BFD) after 37 years of service. Rick had been our Fire Department Liaison officer for the last three years.

Battalion Chief of Training Torin Johnson will be our new BFD liaison. Battalion Chief Johnson has expressed that he looks forward to working with the Citizen Corps Council and the outstanding members of Bedford CERT.

Along with the liaison change, Val Roach was elected to the position of Vice president of Training. The remaining officers are: John Sargent, President; Pat Lane, Vice President Operations; Jerri Philips, Secretary, and Larry Kramer, Treasurer. While Melanie Curl has stepped down from the Citizen Corps Council, she will continue as one of our CERT trainers.

**Recruit new members for CERT Class 13;  
Training to begin February 23, 2012**

Due to low enrollment, Class 13 was once again postponed. This was first time Bedford CERT has not run at least one class in a calendar year.

The new start date for class 13 will be Thursday February 23, 2012. Our drill date will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please recruit your family and friends. Bedford CERT is considered a regional trainer so the only requirements are that the applicant be 18 years old and pass a background check. Completed applications may be dropped off at the Bedford Fire Department Administration building.

Weather-related and other natural disaster emergencies present a very real need for CERT training.

## National Night Out focuses on CERT and other Bedford volunteer groups

Bedford CERT participates in National Night Out, which is an event that provides an opportunity for neighbors to get together to meet, talk about their individual neighborhood, and meet local Law Enforcement personnel. This year's event in Texas was held on October 8, 2011.

The presidents of three of the Bedford volunteer organizations (CERT-John Sargent, CPA-Ed Potter, and Radio Club-Darren Wallerstedt) joined Police Chief Roger Gibson and Deputy Chief Les Hawkins to visit several National Night Out events across Bedford. At each event Chief Gibson spoke about the purpose of National Night Out and how it strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships through the city's volunteer programs. Each president talked about his organization and how it is a vital part of Bedford.

**CERT trailer big hit at Fire Dept. open house**  
The CERT trailer and gear proved to be of great interest to young attendees of this year's open house sponsored by Bedford Fire Department.

