



# Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

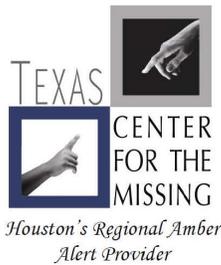
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## SERIOUS FAMILY FUN

The Fort Bend County Fire Field was the setting for Fort Bend County's inaugural Family CERT Day Camp. Families from around the county joined together to prepare themselves and their neighborhoods for disaster response and resilience. The traditional campfire took on a new meaning as CERT campers turned on the fire extinguishers and put out the fire. Utilizing Incident Command throughout the week long course gave both adults and kids a chance to experience various aspects of emergency response. Additionally, family CERT members learned first aid, triage, CPR, search and rescue, hazardous materials and active shooter awareness. This free hands-on program gave students the tools they need to assist their families and communities in times of emergency.





# Public Enemy #1 Cyber Crimes:

## Internet Lures, Cyberbullying, Sexting, Self-Exploitation

### Are your kids prepared?

*Learn child safety tips by attending:*

## INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Learning to Keep Your Children Safe in the Digital Era*

Where: Fort Bend County,  
Office of Emergency Management  
307 Fort Street  
Richmond, TX 77469

When: Thursday, September 26  
6:00 PM

Texas Center for the Missing's Internet Safety Education Program is specifically designed to teach parents and educators how to keep children safe from abduction and Internet lures. Attendees will be taught how to minimize the risk that children will be lost or abducted; abduction prevention techniques are discussed, as well as what to do if a child is abducted; and a parent's role in prevention and search efforts. Elements of the program include:

- Parent education on how to keep children safe on the street and on the Internet
- CyberBullying Prevention and Reporting Tools
- CyberTipline Information
- Distribution of *Street Smarts and Safety: Keeping Our Kids Safe/Find My Child* brochures and *Parent Internet Safety Tips*.

**THIS PROGRAM HAS ADULT CONTENT AND IS NOT INTENDED  
FOR STUDENTS.**

*Texas Center for the Missing is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to offering help and hope to the missing and their families. As the administrator of the Houston Regional Amber Alert System, Texas Center for the Missing trains law enforcement on the local Amber Alert and provides 24-hour support and consulting to law enforcement agencies in the 13-county region in and around Houston. Safety education programs are also offered to the community to prevent internet lures and child abductions. Visit [www.thetexascenter.org](http://www.thetexascenter.org) to learn more.*

To RSVP this event <http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/14959>

or

For questions, or to request this presentation at your organization:

Please contact: [oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us)

# SRI SATHYA SAI OKLAHOMA RESPONSE



Members from Sri Sathya Sai CERT worked with volunteers from around the country to assist victims of the devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma. Over the Memorial Day weekend, 42 members of Sai Region 10 traveled to Oklahoma City to participate in the relief efforts.

Volunteers participated in loading, offloading, greeting, order picking, sorting, filling, executing work orders and processing victims' information. Victims were physically and psychologically drained.

Sri Sathya Sai volunteers continue their service to our Fort Bend community by hosting an upcoming CERT training the weekend of August 24 - 25, 2013. For more information go to:

<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/1747>



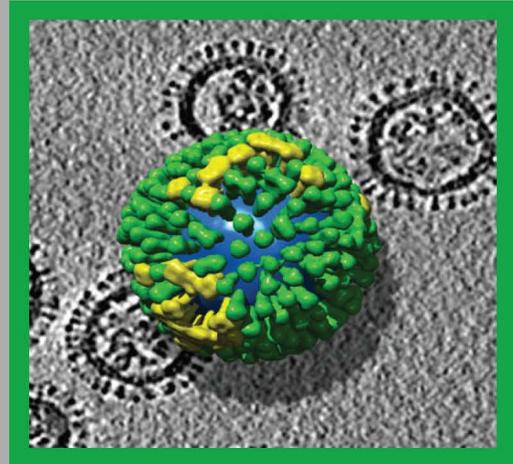


# PANDEMIC FLU

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERIES

## PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 12, 2013  
6:00 PM



Fort Bend County offers a free Pandemic Flu Preparedness program from the American Red Cross. The purpose of this course is to:

- Raise awareness about pandemic flu and provide information on what to expect during a pandemic
- Provide small business employers and employees pandemic flu information to aid in business sustainability
- Identify the differences between seasonal and pandemic flu
- Classify employee exposure to pandemic flu

**FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:**

**[HTTP://WWW.FBCOEM.ORG/GO/SURVEY/1528/14963](http://www.fbcuem.org/go/survey/1528/14963)**

**EMAIL: [OEM@CO.FORT-BEND.TX.US](mailto:OEM@CO.FORT-BEND.TX.US)**



# HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL RECEPTION

On May 31, 2013, our community sustained a catastrophic loss when four HFD firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty. As the families of Robert Garner, Anne Sullivan, Matthew Renaud and Robert Bebee gathered in mourning, they were joined by the ranks of the entire Houston Fire Department and firefighters from around the world at a memorial service held in Reliant Stadium.

These young firefighters not only left their marks on the Houston Fire Department but they also served on fire departments throughout our community including Stafford Fire, Community Fire Department and the Jersey Village Fire Department. At the request of these departments, the Stafford Fire Incident Support Team, Fort Bend County CERT, Harris County CERT and the Seabrooke Fire Auxiliary worked in coordination to prepare a reception for the families of the fallen and the firefighters from around the world who came to pay their respects.

With less than 48 hours notice, volunteers quickly coordinated donations. The Harris County Fire Fighters Association obtained an amazing amount of donations that fed nearly 4,000 mourners. Thirty SFD IST and CERT members turned a 100,000 sq. ft. empty room into a banquet in just a few hours, giving the weary family members and firefighters rest and refreshment at the end of the memorial service.





# FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS



## DOING OUR BEST TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST

- Disaster Preparation
- Fire Suppression
- First Aid
- Incident Command
- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Response
- Hazardous Materials

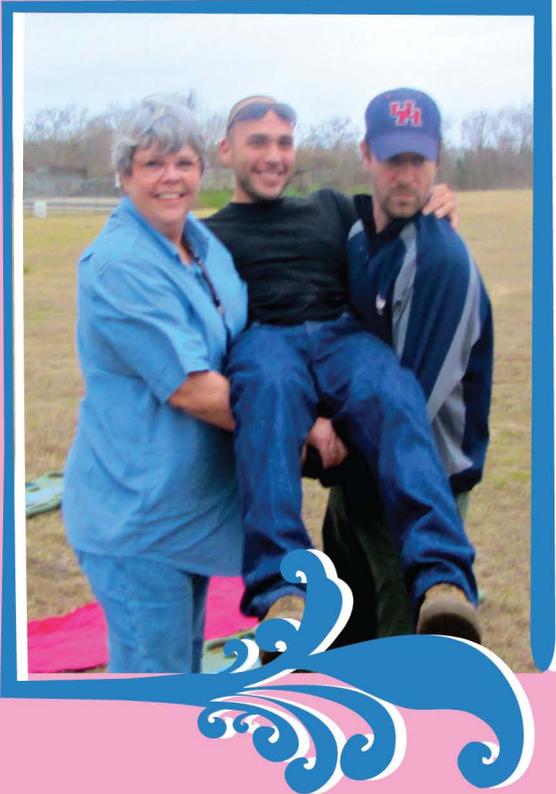
**UPCOMING FREE  
CERT TRAINING**

**August 24 & 25  
September 14 & 15  
October 12 & 13  
December 14 & 15**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**[HTTP://WWW.FBCOEM.ORG/GO/SURVEY/1528/1747](http://www.fbcuem.org/go/survey/1528/1747)**

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# SPOTLIGHT

## Anne Ondrusek

Anne Ondrusek's genuine smile lifts the spirits of all she encounters. She and her husband John moved into the Fort Bend Community in 1995. An avid proponent of people helping people, she coordinated the Calvary CERT three years ago in Richmond, Texas. A healthcare professional, Anne worked for 23 years in the Texas Medical Center doing medical research, clinical education and healthcare administration.

Although she finds a great deal of satisfaction volunteering with CERT events, Anne also works within the community in a variety of other ways. She is a master gardener who helped develop the Growing in Grace Community Garden and serves on the Advisory Board for the Richmond Farmers Market. Anne also contributes her talents to the Fort Bend County Fair Association by serving on the Grapes on the Brazos Wine Committee.

## ICS 300/400 TRAINING

Fort Bend County  
Office of Emergency Management



National Incident Management System  
(NIMS) Training:  
ICS G-300 & ICS G-400

**When:**

ICS 300—Nov 4, 5, 6 2013  
ICS 400—Nov 7 & 8, 2013

**Time:**

0800 to 1700 each day

**Where:**

Fort Bend County  
Sheriff's Academy  
1521 Eugene Heimann Circle  
Richmond, TX 77469

**Who should attend:**

Emergency Management ▪ Law Enforcement ▪ Fire / Hazmat ▪ Public Health Professionals

**ICS G-300:**

**Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**

**Modules Include:**

▪ ICS Fundamentals Review ▪ Unified Command ▪ Incident /Events Assessment and Agency Guidance in Establishing Incident Objectives ▪ Incident Resource Management ▪ Planning Process ▪ Demobilization, Transfer of Command and Close-Out

*Course Prerequisites: IS700, IS100, and IS200 respectively*

**ICS G-400:**

**Advance ICS for Command and General Staff**

**Modules Include:**

▪ ICS Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff ▪ Major and / or Complex Incident / Event Management ▪ Area Command ▪ Multi-Agency Coordination

*Course Prerequisites: IS700, IS100, IS200, IS800, and ICS300 respectively*

For more information about this TDEM sponsored course or questions:

Alan Spears at 281-342-6185 or [alan.spears@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:alan.spears@co.fort-bend.tx.us)

Registration is available at [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The Zombie Strike Team gave the members of Fort Bend CERT a good workout during the June Disaster Drill at the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management. This drill was designed specifically to test and practice the training and skills that CERT members acquired during their Community Emergency Response Training course.



## Continuing Education and Opportunities for Fort Bend County Disaster Reserves & Volunteers

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management will host a series of trainings and lectures aimed to increase awareness and broaden capabilities for all interested CERT volunteers. ALL events are free of charge to participants and will be held at the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management at 307 Fort Street, Richmond, TX.

Check our [Events](#) tab on our website, [www.fbcoem.org](http://www.fbcoem.org) or “fan us” on Facebook, for additional information .

DATE	TIME	EVENT
August 24-35	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Re- quired for Certification	CERT August OEM Richmond Weekend Option
September 12	Thur 6PM-8PM	Pandemic Flu Preparedness
September 14-15	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Re- quired for Certification	CERT September Simonton Weekend Option
September 26	Thur 6PM-8PM	Internet Safety Education Program OEM Richmond
October 12-13	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Re- quired for Certification	CERT October 12-13 Weekend Option
October 16	Wed 6PM-10PM	Active Shooter Program OEM Richmond
November 4-8	Mon-Fri 8 AM-5PM	ICS G-300 & G-400 Intermediate and Advanced Incident Command System
December 14-15	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Re- quired for Certification	CERT December 14-15 Weekend Option



# CST

On June 28th, the Fort Bend County Citizen Support Team (CST) was activated in support of a no notice functional exercise within the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management. The exercise was designed to test the activation of the FBC OEM Emergency Operations Center and the FBC Sheriff's Office Incident Management Team.



The role of the CST in emergency activations is to support the different representatives of agencies throughout the county and region who respond within the Fort Bend County Emergency Operations Center in times of disaster. Citizen Support Team members receive training in CERT, Incident Command, Emergency Management, Disaster Communications, Incident Management, WebEOC and other disciplines in order to give them the tools they need to support the EOC during activations.

## Contact the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) plans and prepares for emergencies, educates the public about preparedness, coordinates emergency response and recovery, and collects and disseminates emergency information.

**Website:**

<http://www.fbcoem.org/>

**YouTube:**

<http://youtube.com/fbcoem>

**Phone:**

+1 (281) 342-6185

**Twitter:**

<http://twitter.com/fbcoem>

**Blog:**

<http://blog.fbcoem.org/>

**Facebook:**

<http://facebook.com/fbcoem>

**FBC Alert:**

<http://alerts.fbcoem.org/>

Scan this code with your phone to get these links:



**Would you like to know the forecasted maximum sustained winds speed near you or a loved one?**

**Do you need to know the zone evacuation status for your specific area?**

**Would knowing the historical maximum sustained winds help you make decisions for your business, organization or family?**

**FIND OUT NOW!**



**"Houston Hide From The Wind" Website Expanded to Include Fort Bend County**

[Houston Hide from the Wind](http://www.houstonhidefromthewind.org/) website maps data from the National Hurricane Center expected effects of wind during a hurricane. The site allows people to view active hurricane evacuation zones and expected wind speeds by zip code and use this data to compare the expected wind speed to recent hurricane effects.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.houstonhidefromthewind.org/>

*This newsletter is published by the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management for individuals and groups interested in community preparedness and response.*

*For matters regarding the Fort Bend County Volunteer program, you may contact at us at :*

*281-342-6185.*

*Forward comments, article ideas, upcoming events, or photos of Fort Bend residents performing volunteer activities to :*

*[OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us)*

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