



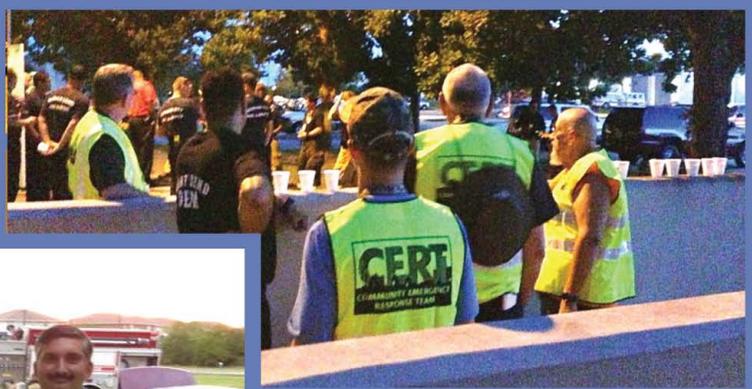
# Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## CERT: Incident Support Team

During May, Fort Bend County CERT members served as an Incident Support Team for the Fort Bend County Fire Departments. At four different exercise training events, they provided cooling and hydration as the fire fighters trained at the Missouri City Municipal Complex in Rapid Intervention Teams. RIT members are trained and equipped to rescue downed fire fighters in the event of an emergency.



For information about  
CERT or IST training  
please contact:  
[OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us)



# FAMILY CERT DAY CAMP

Fort Bend County Family CERT Day Camp is a **FREE** fun, interactive, hands-on 5 day course designed to prepare your family to respond to disasters and emergencies.

**Community Emergency Response Training Includes:**

**First Aid & CPR**

**Fire Suppression**

**Search & Rescue**

**Incident Management**

**Psychological First Aid**

**Active Shooter Awareness**

**Camp 1:**

**July 8 - 12 11:00 - 5:00**

**Camp 2:**

**July 15 - 19 11:00 - 5:00**

**Ages 10 and up are welcome. At least one adult family member for every four children is required to attend.**

**For info contact:**

**281-238-3428 or**

**OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us or**

**<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/doctype/1528/37013/>**

# EXERCISE SUPPORT TEAM

On May 4, Fort Bend County's Exercise Support Team composed of volunteers from CERT, MRC and EMROG, served as observers for a regional full scale exercise at Houston's Intercontinental Airport. The exercise tested the region's capability to respond to a hijacking incident involving hostages, explosives, contagions and immigration issues. The EST served along side the FBI, SWAT, HPD, HFD, CDC, TSA, ICE and Harris County.



# AWR-130

## INCIDENT RESPONSE TO TERRORIST BOMBINGS (IRTB) - AWARENESS

This four hour course provides basic instruction on response procedures for terrorist incidents involving energetic materials (explosives and incendiaries). The course includes classroom presentations that address potential terrorist bombing targets in U.S. communities, common military and commercial explosives available to terrorists, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and response procedures that support safe and effective operations during bombing incidents.

### Course Objectives:

- To prepare emergency responders and members of the community who are involved in incident response to perform safely and effectively during incidents of terrorism involving energetic materials (explosives and incendiaries).
- To instill in participants a respect for the destructive potential of energetic materials that terrorist may use in a WMD incident

For more information on how to bring this program to your agency or organization, please contact: [oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us) or call us at 281-238-3428.

## FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

On May 17, 2013, the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management hosted its seventh annual Emergency Preparedness Workshop, at the Rosenberg Civic and Convention Center in Rosenberg, Texas. The focus of the event was on getting attendees ready for disasters and emergencies of all kinds, especially the 2013 hurricane season which commences on June 1st.

Each year, Fort Bend County's Office of Emergency Management offers this forum for first responders, private businesses, non-profit agencies, and community members to network and share information. Through education and collaboration, those who attended the workshop are able to provide a coordinated and organized response in the case of an emergency.



## 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—Jul 29, 30, 31 2013  
ICS 400—Aug 1 & 2, 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 En-  
forcement ▪ Fire / Hazmat ▪ Public  
Health Professionals

**ICS G-300:**

**Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**

**Modules Include:**

▪ ICS Fundamentals Review ▪ Unified Command ▪ Incident /Events Assess-  
ment and Agency Guidance in Establishing Incident Objectives ▪ Incident Re-  
source Management ▪ Planning Process ▪ Demobilization, Transfer of Com-  
mand 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 Co-  
ordination

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

**For more information 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)**

# WANTED: ZOMBIES



OKAY, SO MAYBE NOT REAL ZOMBIES, BUT WE DO NEED SOME FOLKS WILLING TO LOOK LIKE ZOMBIES FOR A BIT. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS ACTORS TO PORTRAY VICTIMS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING EXERCISES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- JUNE 30
- JULY 12
- JULY 19
- OCT 13
- DEC 15

FOR MORE INFO  
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# WMD

Developed by the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), the WMD Awareness Level Training Course is a 8-hour training program designed to provide emergency responders and members of the community with Awareness Level instruction on recognition, avoidance, isolation and notification techniques in a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) environment. The course covers prevention and deterrence and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) hazards.

**For more information on how to bring this program to your agency or organization, please contact: [oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:oem@co.fort-bend.tx.us) or call us at 281-238-3428**

# CERT IS JUST THE BEGINNING



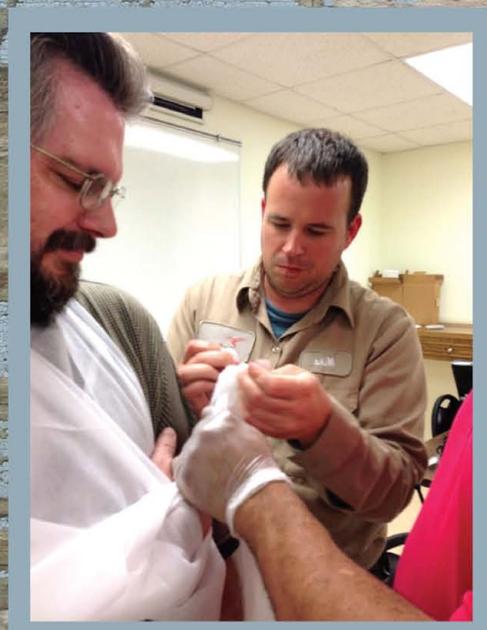
**Fort Bend County offers many opportunities for service to our CERT members. CERT training is just the basic foundation for other volunteer teams serving within the county and region. Upon graduation CERT members are incorporated in the Fort Bend County Disaster Reserves which includes our EMROG, CST, IST and EST teams.**





# RICHMOND CERT

The Fort Bend County Fire Field was home to the May Community Emergency Response Team training. Volunteers from around the region spent six evenings training in fire suppression, incident command, first aid, search & rescue and disaster response. Additionally, Cornelia Jammer, of the Homeland Preparedness Project, gave the new CERT team members the Medical Reserve Corps Orientation making them eligible to participate in upcoming MRC exercises and deployments.



## 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.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
June 29-30	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Required for Certification	CERT June Weekend Option
July 8-12	Mon-Fri 11 AM-5PM	Family CERT Day-Camp Weekday Option
July 15-19	Mon-Fri 11 AM-5PM	Family CERT Day-Camp Weekday Option
July 29-August 2	Mon-Fri 8 AM-5PM	ICS G-300 & G-400 Intermediate and Advanced Incident Command System
October 12-13	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Required for Certification	CERT October 12-13 Weekend Option
December 14-15	SAT & SUN 8 AM-8 PM Attendance On All Days is Required for Certification	CERT December 14-15 Weekend Option

## 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.

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<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 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/>

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

*281-342-6185.*

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

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