



**Fort Bend County
Office of Emergency Management
COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS
NEWSLETTER**

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INTERNET SAFETY

On October 17, 2013, the River Pointe Church in Richmond hosted two Internet Safety programs through the Texas Center for the Missing and presented by the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management. One program, designed for elementary aged children, taught the basics of netiquette and how to protect against cyber bullying, predator grooming and abduction. Simultaneously, a program designed specifically for parents was taught by the Fort Bend County OEM with the assistance of Deputy Brian Wall from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office.

For more information about hosting this program for your organization, please contact: 281-238-3428 or OEM@fortbendcountytexas.gov



RPG+
River Pointe Church



TEXAS CENTER
FOR THE MISSING



Fort Bend County Community Emergency Response Training

**DECEMBER 14-15, 2013
8 AM - 8 PM**

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



- First Aid/ Triage**
- Fire Suppression**
- Search and Rescue**
- Incident Command**
- Hazardous Materials**
- Psychological First Aid**



CALVARY CHURCH HELPS PREPARE FORT BEND COMMUNITY FOR ACTIVE SHOOTERS



Calvary Church, located in Stafford, Texas hosted an Active Shooter, Workplace Violence, Hostile Intruder Awareness program this October 16th. Over 120 church members and local residents attended the course, which reviewed case studies and the history of active shooters. Additionally, students were given strategies to de-escalate workplace violence and protect themselves. They were taught how to be mindful not fearful.

The Program consists of material from Department of Homeland Security, the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative, National Tactical Officers Association, Retail Industry Leader's Association, Fairfax County Police, National Retail Federation, and the Center for Personal Protection and Safety. If you would like to host this program please contact: 281-238-3428 or OEM@fortbendtx.gov



- CASE STUDY HISTORY
- BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS
- PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

ACTIVE SHOOTER - WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AWARENESS



THE FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFERS ACTIVE SHOOTER - WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AWARENESS COURSES INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BRINGING THIS PROGRAM TO YOUR ORGANIZATION:

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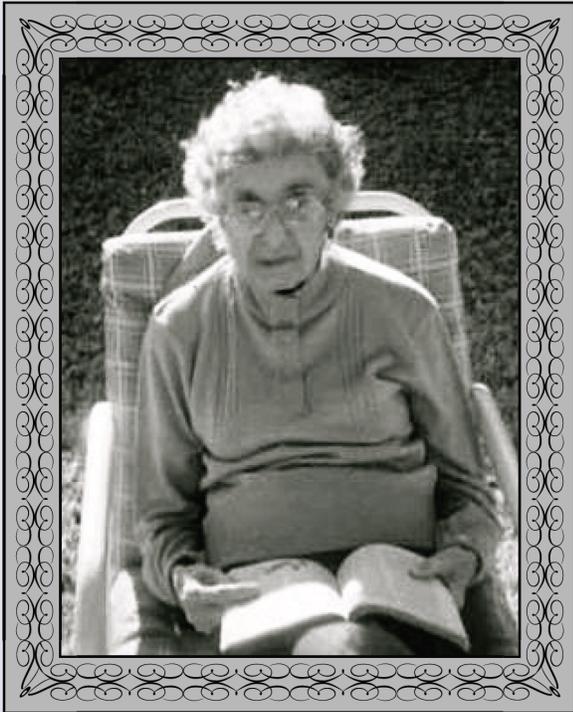
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SILVER ALERT

The Texas Department of Public Safety implemented the Silver Alert Network as a tool to assist law enforcement in the location of missing senior citizens with a documented mental impairment. The system is similar to the Amber Alert Network that is used to locate missing children. Families of the elderly can protect their loved ones by understanding in advance the criteria used to determine if a Silver Alert may be issued.

If an elderly member of your family has been diagnosed with a mental impairment, having medical documentation from their doctor in advance will help speed up the process of issuing a Silver Alert if all other criteria are met.

If you have a missing loved one, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately. In order for law enforcement to activate the State Silver Alert Network, all of the following criteria must be met:

-Is the missing person 65 years of age or older?

-Is the senior citizen's home in Texas?

-Does the senior citizen have a documented impaired mental condition, and does the person's disappearance pose a threat to the senior citizen's health and safety? (The family or legal guardian of the missing senior citizen must provide documentation from a medical or mental health professional of the senior citizen's condition).

-Has an investigation ruled out alternative reasons for the senior citizen's disappearance?

-Is the Silver Alert request within 72 hours of the senior citizen's disappearance?

-Is there enough information available to give out to the public that could assist in finding the senior citizen?

Note: Medical documentation required for activation of the state's Silver Alert Network should appear on physician's letterhead, indicating the impaired mental condition, patient's name, date of diagnosis, with physician's signature.



*Participate or Volunteer,
Get Involved!*

- ❖ Participate in a series of events using skills learned in the 8-week CERT training...basic medical operations, search and rescue, fire suppression, cribbing, scene size-up and other exciting team building activities!
- ❖ Register as a CERT Team or as an Individual (Individuals will be added to teams and small teams will be merged.)
- ❖ Bring your own team equipment and supplies.

*You are invited to the
Harris County Citizen Corps
8th Annual CERT Rodeo*

Saturday, February 8, 2014
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Team Set Up 7:00 am

**Registration for Local and Statewide
CERT Teams is now open.**

Team registration will close December 10, 2013 or until available slots are full.

Individual registration will close January 24, 2014.

Only 18 teams can participate in this special one-day event, so register early!

Participating CERT Team Members must be graduates of an approved CERT training.

CERT Team Members are required to wear their CERT ID badge.

For CERT Rodeo Registration Forms, Release Form, & Map:
<http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/news/certrodeo.asp>

The CERT Rodeo Round Up will take place (RAIN or SHINE) at:

The Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy
 2318 Atascocita Rd., Humble, Texas 77396 (off Ygnacio Road)
 (next to Lindsay Lyons Park)

Contacts:

CERT Team Registration: Liz Shuler at RuthElizabeth.Shuler@houstontx.gov or 713-594-9024

Volunteer Opportunities: Carole Chambers at cchambers@humblepolice.com or 281-446-4928

For Further Information:

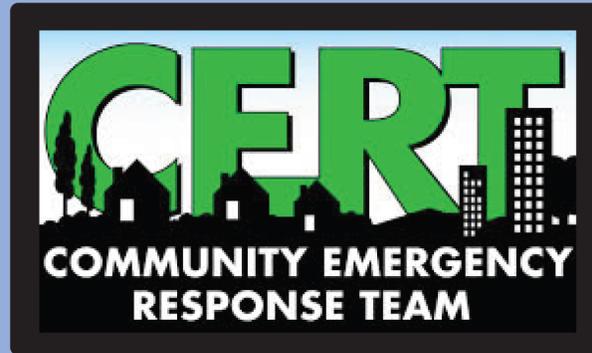
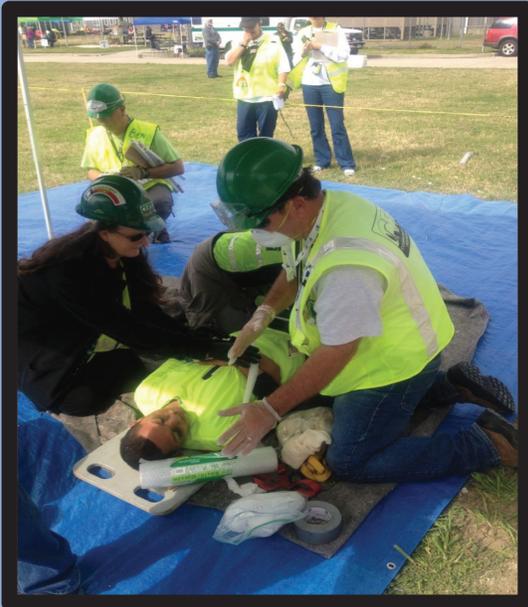
Mardie Menke, CERT Rodeo Chair & Harris County CERT Coordinator
Mardie.Menke@oem.hctx.net or 281-436-8127

Jennifer Suter, CERT Rodeo Co-Chair
Jennifer.Suter@oem.hctx.net

NOTE:

The Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy requires **ALL** people on the premises – e.g. CERT Team participants, Evaluators, Rodeo Volunteers, Visitors, and Spectators – to complete a **FESD** release form. The form can be found by following the link above or from your local CERT Team Coordinator.





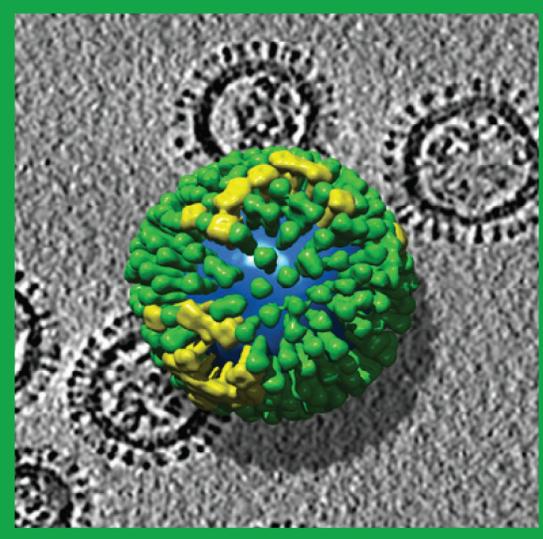
GO FOR THE GOLD

Does your CERT team have what it takes to bring the gold home to Fort Bend County? Practice the skills learned in our CERT training and help prepare our community for disaster response while having fun in the 2014 CERT Rodeo. The CERT Rodeo is an annual competition of teams from around the state who compete in emergency response tasks such as fire extinguishment, medical treatment, triage and search and rescue. On February 8, 2014 the winner of next CERT Rodeo will be decided. How can your team bask in the glory and admiration of lesser mortals?

- First, sign up your team for the CERT Rodeo at:
<http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/news/certrodeo.asp>

-Second, contact us and we will help orientate you and your team to successfully navigate the CERT Rodeo events. 281-238-3428 or OEM@fortbendtx.gov





PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Fort Bend County offers 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 MORE INFORMATION
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INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING



In the first week of November, community preparedness took a step forward when Fort Bend County, in cooperation with the State of Texas, the City of Sugar Land, and various other regional personnel participated in a region-wide incident management team training program. The program, open to members of volunteer organizations, public safety, members of the community and government agencies, emphasizes collaboration and resource management as well as the implementation of strategies and tactics to manage incidents or events. Fort Bend County office of emergency management provides this training on a quarterly basis.

For more information please contact:
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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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HAVE YOUR RIVER TEXT YOU!

Sign up now the United States Geological Survey's

WaterAlert

WaterAlert sends e-mail or text messages when certain parameters measured by a USGS station exceed user-defined thresholds.



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

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