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**Volunteers Complete Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training**

**New Braunfels, Texas** – Thirteen new members of the New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) completed their twenty-hour certification training this past weekend. New Braunfels CERT is an emergency preparedness program supported by the Department of Homeland Security. Volunteer citizen members receive special training to enhance their ability to support City first responders and all other City departments during emergency/disaster events.

Topics covered during the training included: emergency preparedness, disaster psychology, medical operations, light search and rescue, basic fire suppression, terrorism and information on the CERT organization.

“CERT is a 501c3 nonprofit and is soliciting donated materials and equipment to help them be a better equipped team when they are called upon to assist in emergency situations here in New Braunfels,” said Steve Harris, City of New Braunfels Emergency Management Coordinator. “I encourage community members who are willing to contribute resources to contact CERT at [info@cnbcert.org](mailto:info@cnbcert.org) or 830-221-5518.”

Approximately 85 New Braunfels volunteers have been trained in the previous six classes and the next session will be offered from April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Additional information on the program is available at [www.nbtexas.org/cert](http://www.nbtexas.org/cert) or by contacting Steve Harris at [sharris@nbtexas.org](mailto:sharris@nbtexas.org).

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Photo attached.