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City Coordinating Sheltering and Mass Care Exercise

New Braunfels, Texas – On Sunday, June 23rd the City of New Braunfels, the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, the American Red Cross (ARC), New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) and other surrounding CERT teams will conduct a Shelter and Mass Care Operations exercise at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center. The exercise will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The joint, multi-jurisdictional exercise allows NBCERT members, and others that have been trained in ARC Shelter Management and Operations, to achieve a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities during an actual event.

“The New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center may potentially be used as a shelter for City staff and incoming first responders during emergencies,” said Steve Harris, City Emergency Management Coordinator. “The facility may also be used as a general population shelter if the other pre-designated shelters in New Braunfels are full. We are into hurricane season and continuing our on-going preparations for potential emergency situations that could affect our area.”

The American Red Cross is responsible for opening and operating shelters in New Braunfels. They have been federally recognized and appointed to conduct Shelter and Mass Care operations, but local jurisdictions are included in this process due to the facilities, human resources and materials they can provide to the ARC when needed.

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