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City Seeking Citizens for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) is seeking individuals willing to volunteer during times of need. CERT is a program that prepares citizens to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

During an emergency event, citizens can use the specialized training and skills that they learn as a CERT volunteer to assist local emergency responders when needed. Members of the NBCERT will be valued resources to first responding emergency service agencies and an important component of the City's Emergency Management Program. CERT certification requires the completion of 20 hours of classroom and practical application. The training is free.

"We are looking for volunteers to help protect and preserve our community by becoming a part of the City's emergency response and recovery preparedness efforts," said Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Harris.

Next Scheduled CERT Training

When: Friday, April 11th from 6 – 10 p.m.

- Emergency preparedness and what that means
- Identify the hazards that threaten our community
- Disaster psychology
- Terrorism

Saturday, April 12th from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Team organization and the FEMA Incident Command System
- Disaster medical operations – triage and first aid
- Light search and rescue operations

Sunday, April 13th from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Fire suppression
- Course review and disaster simulation

Where: New Braunfels Fire Training Facility, 1311 Industrial Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130

Dress: Closed-toe shoes and long pants

Missed portions of the training can be made-up at future training sessions. However, participants who do not complete the full 20 hours of training will not be certified and will not be activated during an emergency until all training is complete.

Additional information on the program is available at www.nbtexas.org/CERT or by contacting Steve Harris at sharris@nbtexas.org.

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