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A Call to Action – Volunteers for New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team

New Braunfels, TX – The New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) announces training free of charge to community members interested in learning how to better assist their family and community during an emergency.

“We can all take action to prepare where we live, work, and visit” said New Braunfels Emergency Management Coordinator, Andrew Cardiel. “The CERT volunteers are a true asset to our community. NBCERT is an important component of the City’s Emergency Management Program.”

During the 20-hour training, participants will learn emergency preparedness, fire safety, basic medical operations, command and control, basic search and rescue, and disaster psychology. Upon completion of training, participants are tested by insertion into a mock disaster and they must perform based on the previous training and respond accordingly.

Training dates and times:

- Friday, September 7, 2018 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Training location: New Braunfels Municipal Building – Fire Training Center, 424 S. Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

NBCERT encourages citizen participation and trains people with a wide range of ages and abilities. Teens (13-15) must be accompanied by an adult. Training space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

The CERT program is an emergency preparedness program supported by the Department of Homeland Security. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the City’s professional responders, CERT members can be called upon to assist others by applying their training. Their skills can assist in saving property and lives until additional help arrives and can continue to assist the professionals in a variety of ways – before, during and throughout the recovery phase of an emergency.

To obtain additional information about the class and sign up for training contact Lisa Rubey, CERT Volunteer Program Manager at [\(830\) 221-4223](tel:8302214223) or eoccert@nbtexas.org. Those interested should also sign up at www.preparingtexas.org to finalize their registration in the classes. To learn more about NBCERT visit www.nbtexas.org/CERT.

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