



## Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

Your Partners in Preparedness



**Texas Early Voting** began **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure your voice is heard and get out and vote. For more information, visit <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting/where.html>

### RCCC Announcements

**RCCC Annual Report, At-Large Board Election and General Meeting**  
**November 9, 6:30 pm | Rowlett Fire Admin, 4701 Rowlett Rd, 75088.**

Note: this meeting will not be at OG.



This important meeting starts with a short financial presentation about our overall organization, then moves to election. You will select three At-Large members to the RCCC

Board of Directors, followed by a general meeting. At-Large members serve a 2-year term and help direct and focus the organization's efforts. The requirements to run for this office are that you have been a member of a RCCC Affiliated Program for at least six months, and are at least 18 years old. Nominations will be taken from the floor or in advance by email to [admin@rowlettcitizencorps.org](mailto:admin@rowlettcitizencorps.org).

In addition, we'll host a 50/50 drawing and a door prize for those who attend! See you soon.

**The RCCC meeting will be followed at 7PM by the November CERT general meeting.** The general meeting topic will be: **Preparing for Winter Weather** both at home and as a responder. You can sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/vk53csyt>

#### Inside this issue

Vote! .....	1
RCCC Announcements....	1—3
RCCC Events .....	4—6
Program Spotlights .....	6
Discounts! .....	7



The **Professional Development Series (PDS)** includes seven Emergency Management Institute (EMI) independent study (IS) courses that provide a well-

rounded set of fundamentals for those in the emergency management profession. This is also a great opportunity for RCCC volunteers to add valuable knowledge about what happens in emergency management.

All EMI IS courses are free!

Students who complete all the courses will automatically receive a PDS Certificate of Completion from FEMA. The courses, in recommended order of completion, are:

- IS-120.c- An Introduction to Exercises
- IS-230.d - Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- IS-235.c - Emergency Planning
- IS-240.b - Leadership & Influence
- IS-241.b - Decision Making and Problem Solving
- IS-242.b- Effective Communication
- IS-244.b - Developing and Managing Volunteers

**As recognition of this accomplishment, RCCC members who complete the PDS IS series and receive a FEMA certificate will also receive a reward from the RCCC for this outstanding achievement.**

For more information on this series and other independent study courses, please see: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>



### **Looking to make a charitable donation before year end?**

Consider a donation to the RCCC and our Affiliated Programs! The RCCC is a registered nonprofit, 501c3 organization with IRS990 forms available for review at the [IRS website](#) here:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhrc6bj>.

If you have questions or need additional information, be sure to ask Whitney Laning, or email at [admin@rowlettcitizencorps.org](mailto:admin@rowlettcitizencorps.org)

## What is Rowlett COAD or Rowlett Ready?



Rowlett Ready is the dba for Rowlett COAD. RCOAD is an official City of Rowlett sponsored board chartered to assist with disaster preparedness, response and recovery. COAD is the acronym for **Community Organizations Assisting in Disaster**.

Rowlett's COAD has a 15-member Board of Directors who manage the efforts and programs of the organization. The Board is made up of nonprofits, businesses and faith-based institutions with an interest in helping the Rowlett community in times of crisis, emergency and disaster.

The Rowlett Citizen Corps Council is a permanent member of the COAD board. Because of our mission, it is a natural fit for the RCCC to sponsor, host and support COAD or Rowlett Ready activities in the community. Their mission, like ours, is vital to the sustainability of our quality of life and readiness for disaster.

See page four for info on the upcoming **COAD Preparedness Fair**.

**Affiliated Program Changes** The RCCC Board of Directors recently made two important decisions regarding the several Affiliated Programs.

First, the **Explorer Club** (ages 11—14) has been discontinued. This is not to be confused with the **Explorer Post** (ages 14 – 20), which is exploding with new activity and members.



Due to a number of reasons, the Board chose not to focus on this area and discontinued the program effective immediately. The status change will have no effect on our existing programs and services as there were no members in this program for 2022.



Second, we are excited to announce the formation of **BSA Troop 646!** The new troop is already active and meeting weekly at the OG on Monday evenings at 7PM. This new Affiliated Program helps achieve our mission of public preparedness education and being more response ready for disasters. If you know of any youth, ages 11-17, who are interested in Scouting, come out to a meeting and see what the Troop is about.



On **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** as the “Rowlett Community Organizations Aiding in Disaster” (COAD – RowlettReady.com) hosts the first annual **Community Preparedness Fair**.

The purpose of the Community Preparedness Fair is to bring community organizations that provide emergency resources and services to one place and allow for members of the Rowlett community to get to know them!

By doing so, the Rowlett community will know who to contact for resources and services in the event of an emergency or disaster. The Community Preparedness Fair is also a great opportunity for community members to learn more about how to prepare for emergencies as well as the potential risks and hazards in Rowlett. All RCCC programs will be represented and there are still volunteer opportunities to assist.



The **ARES monthly net** will take place on the first Monday of the month, **Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00PM** on KR5EXP Repeater 444.775 + (110.9). Contact ARES Director Mark Riaboy for more information: [MarkRiaboy@Gmail.com](mailto:MarkRiaboy@Gmail.com).

The ARES monthly meeting will take place on the third Monday of the month, **Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00PM**. You can sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/ycxrxzu5>

The **next Logistics** meeting will be **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 8:30PM at Old Glory (OG) Station, 5100 Dalrock Road. For more information, contact CERT Logistics Director Greg Bass, [Greg.Bass1@Verizon.net](mailto:Greg.Bass1@Verizon.net).



On **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** there will be a joint drill with East Tex CERT. Details and location TBD but this will be a great opportunity to work with our sister CERT team in a large scale exercise. We have not had a joint drill in two years, and we will practice our interoperability methods in addition to being able to connect with some new and old friends. Sign up in Track it Forward: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2team3>

Also on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm**, we will be providing safety and first aid support for a night hike in Pecan Grove park sponsored by Parks & Rec. This is a small footprint (for CERT) event, but is also an opportunity to get in a couple of hiking miles and gaze at the stars if you would like to join as a participant. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/32jwuacd> Be sure to dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight.

**CERT Logistics** is holding a work day on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at **9AM** at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road. Feel free to join us in keeping CERT operationally ready.



The **Explorers** will be heading to New Braunfels with the Rowlett Fire Department for **Swift Water Training** November 16 – 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be learning valuable skills to make us proficient in self-rescue, throw rope use, and basic boat operations. Registration may be closed but please contact Scott Hart ([scotthart2@gmail.com](mailto:scotthart2@gmail.com)) to determine final availability and payment. This is a multiday event and costs include food, fuel, and lodg-

Katy Raines will be hosting a free **Wildland Training** for **Explorers** and **CERT** members on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a 3-4 hour course with classroom and field demonstration. You will need to wear class Bs with boots, work gloves, a helmet and eye protection. If you do not have eye protection, a limited supply will be available. Please **RSVP** to Scott Hart [Scotthart@rowlettexplorers.com](mailto:Scotthart@rowlettexplorers.com) by **November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

This will round out the November events. Please monitor the calendar and email for upcoming December activities, including: the **Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run** <https://tinyurl.com/2p8swhny> and



**City Holiday events** <https://tinyurl.com/msj2z4ft> on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**,



and the **RCCC Holiday Potluck** <https://tinyurl.com/bdexe65n> on **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.



## Program Spotlights



**Rowlett Fire Corps** is an affiliated program of the Rowlett Citizens Corps Council that provides REHAB services to our cities Fire Fighters and Police Officers at structure fires and other extended incidents. REHAB services are those that give our first responders and others cold drinks, snacks, resting areas and environmental comforts so as to enable them to continue their efforts for the community.

Fire Corps has a long history of providing rehab services dating back prior to the formation of the RCCC, and at that time was called CAPS (Citizens Assisting Public Service).

Fire Corps responds day or night, rain or shine. We are looking for dedicated and dependable volunteers that can commit to consistently responding to assist our first responders with REHAB. If this is something that you are interested in learning more about, or can make the commitment to be part of our response efforts, please contact our Director, Frank Seigler via email at [seigler@earthlink.net](mailto:seigler@earthlink.net).

**ARES news you can use** - We are actively attempting to increase our membership by promoting ARES at various venues in Rowlett. We are also considering a Technician classes for Rowlett citizens in the near future. For anyone interested in finding out more about amateur radio and/or being a storm spotter during severe weather events, please reach out to Mark Riaboy at [riaboyrccc@gmail.com](mailto:riaboyrccc@gmail.com).



Starting in November, ARES meetings, will be geared toward getting ready for the bad weather season. This will include radar app training, weather spotting protocols, National Weather Service classes, and other topics as become appropriate. We want Rowlett to be a very active member of the weather warning service in our region.



## Electric Discounts

The electric company who we contract with for Old Glory Station has an Employee Savings Plan that our volunteers may participate in for discounted electricity rates. The RCCC receives no benefit from this plan, so it is up to the choice of volunteer which electricity company to choose. The RCCC does not endorse or recommend this service, we're just passing along the information regarding the discount.

### Special Discount For Our Employees!



You are invited to take advantage of a great benefit for our employees. Constellation is offering a **5% Discount** off Constellation's best residential electricity or natural gas supply rate in your area.\*

#### Choose Constellation and receive:

- A **5% Discount** off Constellation's best residential electric or natural gas supply rate in your area
- A **fixed rate** for protection from changing utility supply rates
- No service interruptions or new equipment to install
- **Quick and easy** sign up (just click or call)

#### The benefits don't stop here – additional benefits for your friends and family

Once you're a Constellation residential customer, you can refer your friends or family to Constellation and you will BOTH earn a **\$50 Gift Card** when they successfully become a customer.†

Learn more at: [Constellation.com/friend](http://Constellation.com/friend)

#### Constellation. America's Energy Choice.

We provide affordable electricity, natural gas and renewable energy solutions to approximately 2 million homeowners, small businesses and large companies across the United States. We're here to help you understand your options to make informed decisions to lower your usage and bill.

#### Quick & Easy Sign up – just click or call!

Visit [Constellation.com/esaves5](http://Constellation.com/esaves5) or call 1-866-577-4700

Have a recent copy of your utility bill handy and use personal code: **esaves5**

\* Offer valid for limited time. Requires successful utility enrollment with Constellation. Only for new customers in applicable areas we serve. Constellation's best residential electric or natural gas supply rates in your area exclude association, and government aggregation rates where applicable.

† Gift cards are issued by Virtual Incentives. Valid email address required for receipt of gift card. Gift cards will not have cash access. For any questions about your gift card, call our customer care team in Georgia at 877-677-4355 and outside of Georgia please call 855-465-1244. Terms and conditions are applied to gift cards. Please see the merchant gift card for additional terms and conditions, which are subject to change at merchant's sole discretion. Constellation will share your name and email address with Virtual Incentives for reward fulfillment only. Reward link expires in 3 months.

© 2020 Constellation Energy Resources, LLC. The offerings described herein are those of either Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC, Constellation Connect, LLC or BGE Home Products & Services, LLC (d/b/a BGE HOME in Maryland, d/b/a Constellation Home in Pennsylvania and d/b/a Constellation in Texas), affiliates of each other and ultimate subsidiaries of Exelon Corporation. Exelon Corporation also owns Atlantic City Electric (ACE), Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), ComEd, Delmarva Power, PECO and Pepco utilities. BGE Home Products & Services, LLC is not the same company as BGE, the regulated utility. The prices of Constellation are not regulated by any state Public Utility Commission. You do not have to buy Constellation electricity, natural gas or any other products to receive the same quality regulated service from your local utility. Brand names and product names are trademarks or service marks of their respective holders. All rights reserved. Errors and omissions excepted.

Electricity or Gas Supplier License/Order #: CA 1359, CTA0032; CT 06-07-11, 01-06; DE 00-162; DC GA06-2, EA01-5; GA GM-46; IL 16-0205, 17-0330; IA G-0010; ME 2000-989; MD IR-655, IR-311, IR-500, IR-228, 107-2276; MA GS-030, CS-015; MI U-14867, U-13660; NE NG-0043; NH DM 17-024; NJ GSL-0101, ESL-0016; OH 09-153G, 00-003E; PA A-125095, A-110036; OR ES4, RI 2379(Z1), D-96-6(E); TX 10014, B07305101; VA G-26, G-51, E-11A



# WHO IS THE RCCC?



Service Area spans portions of six North Central Texas counties.

## Celebrating 20 Years of Service

**\$7.2 million**

Value of Volunteer Service

**300,000**

Cumulative Service Hours



**7** Affiliated Programs



**0** Paid Staff



**325** Active Volunteers



**25,000** annual service hours



Top National Junior Firefighter Program of 2022 - NVFC

Fire Corps rehab responses since 2002

**236**

**\$58,000** annual operating budget



**5,200**

CERT service hours in the week following the EF4 Tornado of 12/26/2015

Rowlett Citizen Corps Council | PO Box 1662 | Rowlett, TX 75030-1662

214.417.4857 | [www.rowlettcitizencorps.org](http://www.rowlettcitizencorps.org)

A charitable nonprofit dedicated to making our community safer, strong and better prepared for disaster.