



Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

Your Partners in Preparedness



RCCC Upcoming Events

2022 is quickly coming to a close, but there's still time to log in your service hours! Remember, RCCC is a Presidential Service Award certifying organization, meaning that RCCC will submit your volunteer hours to PVSA on your behalf. To learn more about the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards, visit

<https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/>.

To log in those last few service hours, check out these meetings and volunteer opportunities, coming soon!



RCCC Holiday Pot Luck
Friday, December 9th at 7 pm
 Old Glory Station (The OG)
 5100 Dalrock Road

Note: the December CERT General Meeting will be replaced with the RCCC pot luck.

Hope to see you there!

Come celebrate the holidays with us at this great pot luck event! Bring your favorite side dish and the RCCC will provide the meat. We'll have the traditional ugly sweater contest, a 50/50, and other door prizes. Everyone is welcome. Sign up and let us know what you're bringing at: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/773412>

Help support McKinney VFW's **Toys for Tots** motorcycle ride

<https://tinyurl.com/44mtz32h>

Meet at OG, 5100 Dalrock Road, Rowlett at 6:30AM. Please bring your program shirt, a high-visibility vest, long pants and boots. Wear layers. Please bring a whistle as well. We should be back at OG by 1PM.



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Main Street Holiday Fest and Parade, Saturday December 3rd
Get ready to kick off the holidays at Rowlett's Main St. Fest and Holiday Parade. There will be a parade of lights, live holiday performances, food and craft vendors, and a large kids' area. CERT will participate in the parade with our rolling stock. Staging and decorations will begin at 3PM at Herfurth Park, 4601 Centennial Dr, Rowlett, TX 75088. From there we will proceed to the parade.

Wear your CERT gear, and dress for the weather.

3:00pm - 5:00pm Staging / Decorations

5:00pm - 9:30pm Parade and Festival

Sign up here:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/766926>

The next **CERT Logistics meeting** will take place **Thursday, December 8th**, 1900 hours (7PM) at OG, 5100 Dalrock Road. For more information, contact CERT Logistics Director Greg Bass, Greg.Bass1@Verizon.net.



ARES has a **new meeting** place and a **new primary frequency**. We've moved our monthly in-person meetings to the training room at **Fire Station #2, 8602 Schrade Rd**. Our new location will allow us to invite and include new members that may need a handicap accessible facility.

The November meeting included a tour of the Rowlett Emergency Operation Center (EOC) where we set up a command post during SkyWarn activations. With storm season almost upon us, we also had a video and discussion of weather radar.

We have **changed repeaters** at the Fire Administration building. Although we have had the AB5U UHF repeater for some time, in order to improve on our monthly and emergency nets, we decided to remove KR5EXP as our primary frequency, **and replaced it with AB5U**".



With many parties and gatherings scheduled for December, the **monthly ARES net and in-person meetings are being cancelled**. Our **next** monthly net will be **January 2nd**. Our next in-person meeting will be at Fire Station #2 training room on **January 16th**.

We are actively looking for **new members** to join us for **either ARES or SkyWarn**. ARES, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, is a group of FCC licensed radio operators who volunteer to assist our city, neighboring communities, state, and country during catastrophic incidents. We also participate in Rowlett City sponsored activities such as July 4 and Christmas celebrations. SkyWarn is a National Weather Service developed program with trained severe weather spotters that help provide timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the Rowlett Emergency Operations Center.

ARES members must have an amateur radio license. We should be scheduling classes in the near future for those interested in obtaining their FCC radio license. SkyWarn members only need to have taken the free class offered by the National Weather Service on a yearly basis.

If you are interested in either of these groups, please contact ARES director Mark Riaboy , riaboyrccc@gmail.com.



Got News?

If you've got news or photos of your RCCC program activities or events, please email information to News@RowlettCitizenCorps.org.

Newsletter information is collected by the 22nd of each month for the upcoming six to eight weeks. Newsletters are generally published during the last week of each month, highlighting the pervious month's activities and announcing upcoming events and news.



BSA Troop 646 has already been busily contributing to our community. Trash pick-up, food donation collections, weekly meetings and an upcoming camp-out are the scouts' focus this Fall.



**BSA T646 B
First Official Meeting
at Old Glory!**



**T646 at Rowlett COAD
Disaster Preparedness Fair**

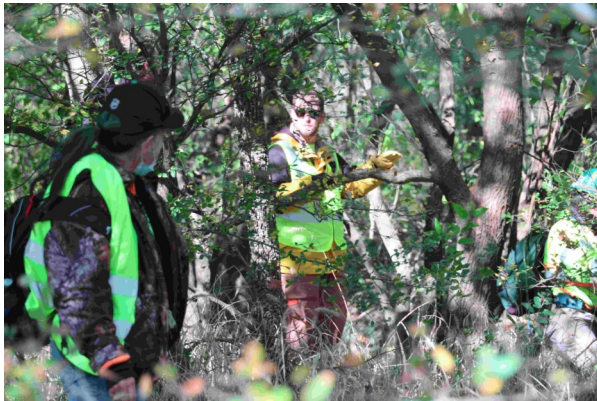
**Tri-City Cleanup
T646 Collected 29 large trash bags**



T646 Scouting for Food



Rowlett CERT and East Tex CERT participated in a **joint drill** on November 12th, where we practiced our interoperability methods and connected with some new and old friends. Thanks to all who turned out!





Halloween and Survival Campout At the end of October the explorers went to West, TX for their annual Halloween Campout. They practiced their survival skills and participated in a haunted hayride, costume contest and a flag retirement ceremony.



Preparedness Fair November 5th The Explorers participated in the preparedness fair on November 5th. They not only manned their booth and engaged with the community, they were able to practice their public speaking and share about all the hard work they have done this year. They also helped several other organizations present by splitting shifts between multiple stations including taking turns wearing mascot costumes.

Swiftwater Training- November 17th Explorers went to New Braunsfels for Swiftwater Rescue Training. They participated in an 8-hour course led by Rowlett Fire Fighters. The course helped explorers become proficient in self-rescue, throw rope use, and basic boat operations.



Wildland Fire Training November 19th Explorers, CERT and other RCCC program volunteers participated in Wildland Training hosted by Katy Raines. They practiced using wildland firefighting tools including mcleods, fire shelters and hoses.



WHO IS THE RCCCC?



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

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