

## **Please take a moment to review RCCC News and Upcoming Meetings and Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Preparedness Training and General Information.**

### **Outstanding Achievement**

**Congratulations to Explorer Post One** on being named the 2022 NVFC Junior Firefighter Program of the Year! The National Volunteer Fire Council selected Rowlett's program from numerous applicants across the nation. We've always known our Explorers were outstanding, and now the whole country knows. NVFC leadership will travel to Rowlett and present the official award at the City Council meeting on April 19th.

To see the article, scroll approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the following web page:  
<https://www.nvfc.org/nvfc-announces-recipients-of-the-2022-fire-service-achievement-awards/>

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**A Reminder from RCCC President Whitney Laning:** Please track all service hours in Track it Forward <https://www.trackitforward.com/user> as soon as possible, so you don't forget. Remember that the Program designation refers to the program sponsoring the event, not the program you are a member of. For example, if you attend a CERT General Meeting and are an Explorer member, you would record those service hours as CERT, not Explorers. If you attended/instructed or were a victim at the recent CERT G317 Basic class, you would record the service hours as CERT regardless of which program you have membership in.

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### **Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Monthly General CERT Meeting: Standard Response Protocol/Standard Reunification Method (SRP/SRM)** CERT March and April general meetings will be a joint session to include all adult members in Rowlett Citizen Corps Council (i.e., ARES, CERT, Fire Corps, VIPS) who would like to attend and potentially assist with Standard Response Protocol/Standard Reunification Method (SRP/SRM). The Standard Response Protocol is how students and teachers should respond depending on different school safety circumstances. The Standard Reunification Method is how students will be reunited with family members after a serious situation such as a school fire, terrorist activity, weather catastrophe, or active assailant (i.e. - active shooter).

Rowlett CERT has partnered with Garland ISD to help with reunification after an incident. The first part of the presentation will be on **March 16**. The second part will be on **April 20**. Unless otherwise notified, both meetings will be at **7:00 PM** at the Fire Administration building, 4701 Rowlett Rd. For questions, contact Mark Riaboy - [riaboyrccc@gmail.com](mailto:riaboyrccc@gmail.com) and for updated information, refer to the Rowlett Master Calendar at the following web page: [https://rowlettcitizen corps.org/wp/?page\\_id=322](https://rowlettcitizen corps.org/wp/?page_id=322)

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**CERT Logistics Team** keeps the CERT equipment rolling. They maintain CERT's many vehicles, keep the communication equipment operational, and organize power and radios during a

deployment. If you're handy and organized, and want to get involved, the Logistics Team meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1900 hours (7PM). The next Logistics meeting is **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, contact CERT Logistics Director Greg Bass, [Greg.Bass1@Verizon.net](mailto:Greg.Bass1@Verizon.net).

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The **Smoke Alarm Blitz** originally scheduled for March has been postponed until this summer so that we can reformat the program

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**CERT Quarterly Drill** Join us **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Building, 505 W Felix St, Fort Worth, TX 76115. More information will be available on the RCCC Master Calendar and TrackItForward

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**ARES** Rowlett Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) has a Net (over-the-air radio meeting) on the first Monday of each month at 2100 hours (9PM). Join the Net meeting for training to improve our readiness for activation. The **in-person meetings for March and April have been cancelled** due to the joint RCCC meetings on March 16 and April 20. For further information, please contact Mark Riaboy - Director, [riaboyrccc@gmail.com](mailto:riaboyrccc@gmail.com)

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**April Events** will be coming soon in Track it Forward. Stay tuned for more details regarding volunteers needed, time and dress requirements.

#### **April 9<sup>th</sup>**

- - **Easter Eggstravaganza** will take place from 10AM to noon at Pecan Grove Park, 5300 Main Street, Rowlett
  - **Pup-a-palooza** will take place 2PM – 4PM at Herfurth Park, 4601 Centennial Drive, Rowlett

#### **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- - **Kid Fish and Cardboard Boat Regatta** will take place starting at 1:30PM, at Community Park, 8700 St. Andrews Lane, Rowlett

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**Hold the Date:** We are planning on hosting the **RCCC Awards & Recognition Banquet** on Saturday, **May 14, 2022** at the Rowlett Community Centre, 5300 Main Street, Rowlett, 75088. More information will come later, but please hold the date. All RCCC members are welcome to attend.

## Did You Know?

Do you have an interest in other RCCC programs? If you'd like to learn more about RCCC opportunities, here's how to get in touch with program leaders

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CERT Logistics	Greg Bass <a href="mailto:greg.bass1@verizon.net">greg.bass1@verizon.net</a>	(972) 816-4575
ARES	Mark Riaboy <a href="mailto:RiaboyRCCC@gmail.com">RiaboyRCCC@gmail.com</a>	(214) 906-4339
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