

Rowlett July 4th Fireworks on Main

This is Rowlett's biggest event of the year, and we need YOU! Volunteers are still needed for set-up, first aid/cooling, fire watch, traffic control, general safety, and tear down. Shifts are 2:30PM – 5:30PM, 5:30PM – 8:30PM and 8:30PM to midnight. Join us for one, two, or all shifts! Sign up here <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/727423> There will be three great bands, tons of food trucks, fabulous fireworks and more.

For an event timeline, program dress, equipment, parking information, an event map and staging, please visit <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/727423> But everyone **please note** that **parking** will be available at Rowlett HS, DART, and the Chamber of Commerce. Shuttle busses will run from remote parking. Parking at the Rowlett Community Center will be restricted to vendors and those with handicapped tags.

Important Note: We plan to experiment with a new safety tool, ArcGIS QuickCapture. This allows us to track the location of our volunteers, potentially eliminating some of the radio PAR checks. **Volunteers, before the event**, please download the ArcGIS **QuickCapture** app from Apple app store or from the Google Play store. There is NO need to set up an account: just get the app on your phone for now. More info to come on July 4th. ---

Help us support the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce's Freedom 5k Run! Volunteers are still needed for parking support, racecourse setup, race monitoring. Report at 6:30AM to the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, 4418 Main Street, Rowlett, TX 75088 wearing your program shirt and vest. Race concludes at 9AM, and volunteers can expect to be done by 9:30AM.

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/727422>

The ARES July 4th Net has been **cancelled** due to Fireworks on Main. However, you can sign up on Track It Forward <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/630896> to assist with monitoring the fireworks safe zone. The **monthly in-person ARES meeting** is scheduled for **Monday July 18th**, 1900 (7PM) at the Fire Administration building, 4701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett 75088.

Mark your calendars for the **CERT General Meeting** on Wednesday, **July 20th** at 7:00PM at Fire Admin, 4701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett 75088. As always, please log your time: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/630896>

More information about the meeting will be posted in the RCCC online calendar https://rowlettcitizencorps.org/wp/?page_id=322

Congratulations to our RCCC 2020-21 Award recipients!

RCCC Volunteer of the Year	Jacqueline Prescott (JP) Meyers
J. Scott Hart Spirit Award	Abraham Rios
President's Distinguished Service Award	Matt Alden
ARES Volunteer of the Year	J. Greg Bass

ARES Award of Excellence	Daniel Warner, Michael Williamson
Explorer of the Year	Angelika Rios
Explorer Award of Excellence	Isabella Hatcher
Explorer Advisor of the Year	Daric Parent
Explorer Advisor Award of Excellence	Koren Ernst, Leisa Peebles
Rowlett CERT Volunteer of the Year	Daric Parent
Rowlett CERT Award of Excellence	Lawrence Simpson, James Marple
EastTex CERT Volunteer of the Year	Matt Alden
EastTex CERT Award of Excellence	Steve Cutler, Conce Rodriguez, Robert Hite, Cecilia Wichman, Ray Fishencord, Roy Heath
Fire Corps Volunteer of the Year	Mark Riaboy
Fire Corps Award of Excellence	R. Blake Margolis
VIPS Volunteer of the Year	Barbara Grisell
VIPS Award of Excellence	Margaret Diehl

Explorer Post One received much-deserved recognition for its many outstanding achievements, including triumphs at the Fire Games, and for its recognition by the **National Volunteer Fire Council** as the **2022 Program of the Year**.

Representatives Rhetta A. Bowers and Angie Chen Button presented the Fire Explorers with the Texas State flags flown over the capitol, in celebration of the post's recognition by the **National Volunteer Fire Council** as the **2022 Program of the Year**.

The Explorers were also recognized by Rowlett Fire Battalion Chief Ensley in celebration of their award by the **National Volunteer Fire Council** as **2022 Program of the Year**.

BSA presented Explorer Post One with the Post Journey to Excellence, Gold Award. Explorer Post One also received BSA's William H. Spurgeon, III Award. Daric Parent and Abraham Rios received BSA's GEMS (Going the Extra Mile) awards.

Special thanks to council member Jeff Winget for all of his wonderful photography throughout the event. **You can view Jeff's photos here:**

<https://jeffwingetphotography.lightfolio.com/gallery/rccc-banquet-awards>

Many thanks to Lisa and Greg Peebles, Sherry Hart and everyone who fed us that delicious Valentino's dinner!