



## Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

Your Partners in Preparedness



The Rowlett Citizen Corps Council will sponsor a two-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class on **Saturday, March 1 & 8, 2025**, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Both days are required. During a natural or man-made disaster, CERT teams assist public safety teams in assessing damage, accounting for residents, and securing quick, accessible routes into their neighborhoods. Our teams also help search for missing persons and assist with evacuations, traffic control, courtesy patrols, and City events. Rowlett is actively recruiting residents to be trained in the CERT program, which includes disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and fire suppression, following FEMA guidelines. The class is open to the public. A course fee of \$25, payable at the time of registration, covers class administrative expenses for those who have not yet taken the class. Or, refresh your skills for free: just let us know you're coming by signing up in Track it Forward.

For more information or to register for the class, see our website at [RowlettCERT.com](http://RowlettCERT.com).

Being prepared is everyone's responsibility. Get Ready Today.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08Kwgr3tkf4>

**CERT Monthly Meeting** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 7PM at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road.

Hazardous weather is a fact of life here in North Texas. Flooding, tornados, high winds and extreme temperatures are becoming more common. Recognize the warning signs, prepare yourself and your family, and be ready to respond to these increasingly common events.

Volunteer opportunities and events are always available on Track it Forward <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/events>.

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## CERT News



Congratulations to **Don Gerhart, Darrah Merillat, Nancy Ernst, Wesley Miller** and **Michael Williamson** on achieving their CERT 40 hours and earning their CERT gear!



Mike Williamson & CERT Director Erik Ernst



Don Gerhart & CERT Director Erik Ernst



Darrah Merillat & CERT Director Erik Ernst

## CERT "11 Questions" Challenge

Each month, we randomly pick a member to answer a set of questions. They will always be the same questions but the answers can help us get to know some important stuff about our volunteers.

We can't take credit for the questions as they are a revised version of Stephen Colbert's questions for celebrity guests. Please note that participation, should someone be selected, is completely voluntary. This month, let's get to know **Tamra Williams!**



Tamra Williams

- Best sandwich? **Reuben**
- What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **Typewriter**
- What is the scariest animal? **Snakes**
- Native Texan or From Another Land? **From Another Land: NY**
- Favorite action movie? **Die Hard**
- Favorite smell? **Lavender**
- Least favorite smell? **Skunk**
- Flat or sparkling water? **Flat**
- Most used app on your phone? **Facebook**
- You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **Amazing Grace**
- Describe the rest of your life in 5 words? **Filled with blessings and service**

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## ARES & Skywarn News



### **Upcoming Events:**

Monday, Feb 3 @ 20:00 – Monthly NET on AB5U UHF 441.325 + 162.2

Saturday, Feb 15 @ 09:00 – NWS “Severe Weather Education” (aka Skywarn training) @ The Atrium, 300 N 5th Street, Garland (see <https://www.weather.gov/fwd/skywarnmap> for other times and locations). BE SURE TO EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION TO JP OR MARK

Monday, Feb 17 @ 19:00 – Monthly In-Person meeting. Topic will cover the new AB5U VHF repeater

Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 19:00 – CERT monthly general meeting. Topic: Hazardous Weather

Saturday, Mar 1 and Mar 7 @ 08:00 – CERT G317 class. Please tell everyone that you know about CERT and the advantages to individuals and families. Taking the class does NOT REQUIRE joining Rowlett CERT.

Saturday, Mar 1 @ 9:00 NWS virtual “Severe Weather Education” (aka Skywarn training) <https://www.weather.gov/fwd/skywarnmap>

Rowlett ARES is actively looking for RCCC members who might consider joining Skywarn, but do not have an amateur radio license. Skywarn is an elite group of people who look for severe weather conditions and report to the Rowlett Emergency Operations Center. If you are curious about Skywarn, we will have an orientation after the CERT G317 class in March. One of the requirements to joining us is taking the NWS Severe Weather Education class. If you have any interest in learning about weather and how to protect your family and community, you are encouraged to attend any one of the NWS Severe Weather Education classes even if you do not want to join Skywarn. The classes usually run from 2 to 2 1/2 hours and are free.

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## Explorer News



Our Explorers are kicking off the new year with big plans and good training. Training started with vehicle maintenance where we learned how to change a tire, filters, battery, and check fluid levels. Next we had goal setting where we outlined our plans and how we're going to accomplish them. Finally Lt. Marple came by and gave a class on radio operation and procedure.

The Explorers also met up at Fire Station 2 to take Post photos and headshots in uniform. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Kimberly Rivera who captured the wonderful photos. Find her on Instagram @capturewithkim.

### **Explorer Highlight: Ryan Laning**

Ryan has been a part of the Post for six years now. Ryan joined the Post because of his sister. Ryan felt that the Post would be a good fit, as he was already a Boy Scout.

Outside of the Post Ryan likes to work out, eat, sleep, and hang out with his girlfriend Jordan, who is also a part of the Post.

Ryan's current priorities within the Post are to create a better connection and engage with the newer Post members.



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## **Explorer News** (continued)



**Upcoming Explorer events** include a **Bowling Lock-in**, where the Post will enjoy an evening at Bowl-a-Rama and a night of fun! February 21st, 7:00PM - February 22nd 6:00AM.

Explorers are also planning a **Horseback Riding and Fishing campout**: We're going down to Camp Trevor Rees-Jones to go horseback riding and wet a line. We will also be visiting the Texas Parks and Wildlife Fishery so we can stay informed to do our part at keeping nature healthy. March 14th, 7:00PM - March 16th noon.

### **Babysitting Class and Certification**

Become certified to make sure the kids you're watching are safe and properly taken care of! April 5th 8:00AM— noon at Rowlett Fire Admin, 4701 Rowlett Rd, Rowlett, TX 75088.



**BSA646**



**DCD Merit Badge Mania – Break-out Session**



**Ethan's Eagle Scout Project  
First Workday. Building dog  
beds for the Garland Animal  
Shelter.**



**January's Scout Court of Honor**



## BSA646 News

### **Upcoming Events**

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan's Eagle Project 2<sup>nd</sup> Workday @ OG

Feb 7-9<sup>th</sup> OA Spring Fellowship and Powwow

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Scouting America Day of Service and Scouting for Food (Collecting non-perishable food items for the local Food Pantry).

Feb 14-16<sup>th</sup> Annual Merit Badge Seminar at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Hastin's Eagle Project 1<sup>st</sup> Workday

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duck Creek District Awards and Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Scout Trailer Work Day

**Weekly Scout Meetings** at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road, Rowlett. We are there every Monday night from 7:00PM until 8:30PM unless it's a holiday like School Winter Break, New Year's, or Memorial Day.

When you know someone between the ages of 10 1/2 through 17 years of age, let them know about Scouting and visit us on any Monday (except holiday weeks). If we get five young ladies (between 10 1/2 through 17 years old) and a female parent/leader we can start a female troop. Currently there is only one BSA Female Troop in the city of Rowlett. We now have three BSA Male Troops in the city of Rowlett.