



## Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

Your Partners in Preparedness



The **RCCC Annual Meeting** will take place on **November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM**, just before the November CERT meeting. Join us to hear about important RCCC news, the RCCC's financial position, and to vote on new board representation.



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**Make your voice heard!** There are Texas constitutional amendments and other important issues on the ballot. Be sure to vote on **Tuesday, November, 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**November 11th is Veterans Day.** Rowlett will hold its Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park, 3900 Main Street, at 11AM. The public is invited to join in to share their gratitude and celebrate those who served.

**December 6th is a big day!** In the morning, you can help support McKinney VFW's **Toys for Tots** motorcycle ride <https://www.vfwpost2150.org/news-events/toys-for-tots-ride/> In the afternoon and evening, 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. Please sign up for either (or both!) event(s) on [Track it Forward](#).

**Save the date!** Details are coming, but please mark your calendar for the evening of **Friday, December 12th** to celebrate the annual **RCCC holiday pot luck**. This always-popular event is our chance to gather together for food, fun and festivities. Spouses are welcome!

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## CERT News



The next **CERT General Meeting** is on **Wednesday, November 19th**, 2025 7PM at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road. If you can, come early to observe the RCCC board meeting at 6PM, the RCCC annual meeting at 6:30PM, and stay for the CERT meeting!

**Welcome** to Rowlett CERT's newest members **Kylie Texta, Mary Martin** and **Coty Jacobs**. Kylie, Mary and Coty join us with a wealth of military, medical and fire experience. Remember, if you see an unfamiliar face at an upcoming event, please **introduce yourself!**



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## 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 **Todd Thayer!**



**Todd Thayer**

- Best sandwich? **Jersey Mike's Unwich with extra meat.**
- What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **An old plastic table.**
- What is the scariest animal? **Lion.**
- Native Texan or From Another Land? **Born in Mt. Clements, MI. Moved to Texas in 1967.**
- Favorite action movie? **Galaxy Quest.**
- Favorite smell? **Burning Mesquite wood.**
- Least favorite smell? **Burning metal.**
- Flat or sparkling water? **Sparkling.**
- Most used app on your phone? **AOL mail.**
- You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **"Learning to Fly" by the Foo Fighters.**
- Describe the rest of your life in 5 words? **Exercise, Technical, Music, Discovering, Projects.**

**CERT News** (continued)



CERT members from Dallas, Sachse, Murphy, Balch Springs, Bedford and Rowlett enjoyed a day of community and competition on Saturday, October 25th.



Baylor Scott & White's James Andreson and Sunnyvale FD's Koren Ernst gave a STB and CPR refresher.



Rowlett Mayor Jeff Winget and Rowlett CERT Director Erik Ernst called door prizes.



ARES Director Mark Riaboy got some terrific drone footage, which you can view here: <https://tinyurl.com/5bnjy9ar>

**CERT News** (continued)



Check out these photos and more! <https://tinyurl.com/5bnj9ar>

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## Fire Corps News



**Welcome** to Fire Corps' four newest members **Vickie Tyler, Rodney Ross, Floyd Smith,** and **Brenda McIntosh.** We've already had great participation from them in October's recent structure fires.

## ARES News



Thanks to ARES members **Jackie King, Bruce McElhaney, Alyssa Dequeant** and ARES Director **Mark Riaboy** for their support of the North Texas CERT Open House (Rodeo event) on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, November 3rd at 20:00: ARES monthly net** on AB5U UHF 441.325 + 162.2, channel 13 on the Rowlett ARES band plan. **Don Gerhart KJ5IGG** will be **net control**. If you're interested in being net controller at an upcoming net, contact JP at [JP@RowlettCitizenCorps.org](mailto:JP@RowlettCitizenCorps.org).

**Monday, November 17th at 19:00: ARES monthly in-person meeting** at the Fire Station 2 training room, 8602 Schrade Road, Rowlett. We hope to have **Blake Margolis**, Rowlett Emergency Manager as our guest presenter.

**Wednesday, November 19th at 18:30: RCCC annual meeting** at OG, 5100 Dalrock Road, Rowlett. Vote for your new RCCC board representatives. Immediately following at **19:00** you can join the **CERT general meeting**. Let us know you are coming: please sign up on Track it Forward.

**Saturday, December 6th at 17:00: Rowlett Holiday Main Street Fest** float. Come pass out candy to the kids, and show your ARES spirit! Please sign up on Track it Forward.

**Friday, December 12th at 18:30: RCCC Holiday Pot Luck** at OG. Throw on that ugly sweater and dust of granny's secret recipe: it's time to get together with your fellow volunteers for seasonal cheer, friendly competition and a chance to socialize with spouses and friends. Details and sign-ups coming soon.

## Explorer News



A huge congratulations to our new Explorers who recently finished the CERT G317, **Robert** and **Julian**!

This month the post focused our training on wilderness survival, camping skills, and fire-arm safety just in time for our shooting campout.

The fire explorers honed their basics with hose control. Their focus on technique had them clearing rooms and getting drenched with Rowlett FD.



## Explorer Highlight: Robert Dixon



Robert has been a part of the post for three months now.

He joined the post because Mario, a fellow Explorer, invited him and he's enjoyed the experience.

Robert likes the medical and fire aspect, and finds it interesting meeting new people.

Outside of the post Robert is the Rowlett Chemist Team Manager. He also enjoys playing guitar and listening to music. He's deeply invested in Fire careers and opportunities through other programs.

### Upcoming events:

**Shooting Campout:** We're going down to West, Texas to celebrate Halloween and practice our firearm skills Friday, October 31st to Sunday, November 2nd.

**Whirlyball lock-in:** Join us for a night of fun at Whirlyball Texas followed by a lock-in at Fire admin! **Friday, November 14th**, 7:00 PM to Saturday, November 15th, 6:00 AM.

## Scouting News



Troop 646 proudly announces **our newest Eagle Scout, Hastin L.** His Eagle Project was building a bulletin board with seating and Trail Sign for DORBA (Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association) at 2606 Pleasant Valley Rd Garland, TX 75040.



### **Troop Service Projects:**

Collected and donated School Supplies for several GISD Schools.  
Donated 10 Sleeping Bags  
Trash pick-up 2 mile stretch on Dalrock Road near Old Glory.  
Annual Tri-City Cleanup  
Helped The Food Pantry at FCC-Rowlett on Wednesday's

### **Upcoming Events:**

November 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Duck Creek District Roundtable  
November 8<sup>th</sup> Health Care Professions merit badge class  
November 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly Committee Meeting  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Troop 646 Garage Sale at Old Glory Station  
November 22-25<sup>th</sup> Campsgiving Campout at Camp Costantin  
November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

**Weekly Scout Meetings** are at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road, Rowlett. We are there every Monday night from 7PM until 8:30PM unless it's a holiday. We will not meet during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Winter Break for GISD, Christmas, or New Years.

If you know someone between the ages of 10.5 through 17 years (male or female), let them know about Scouting, and invite them to visit us on any Monday.