



Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

Your Partners in Preparedness



Severe Weather Awareness Week March 3—7

The National Weather Service will be hosting Severe Weather Awareness Week on their social media platforms March 3-7. Be sure to check out their content, and feel free to re-post.

<https://x.com/NWSFortWorth>

<https://www.facebook.com/NWSDallasFortWorth/>

Daily topics include:

- Monday March 3: Preparedness
- Tuesday March 4: Tornadoes
- Wednesday March 5: Flooding
- Thursday March 6: Lightning/Wind/Hail
- Friday March 7: Reporting Severe Weather

Are you up to date on the latest NWS lingo?

The NWS is updating their heat warnings, similar to last Fall's cold-weather updates. "Excessive Heat Watch & Warning" will be renamed to "**Extreme Heat Watch & Warning**". The criteria for issuing Extreme Heat Watches and Warnings will not change. There's no change to the wording or criteria for a Heat Advisory. As a reminder:

- **Heat Advisory:** Maximum heat index values are expected to reach 105 degrees or higher for two consecutive days OR the temperature is expected to reach 103 degrees or higher for two consecutive days.
- **Extreme Heat Watch:** Conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event to meet or exceed Extreme Heat Warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hours.
- **Extreme Heat Warning:** Maximum heat index values are expected to reach 110 degrees or higher for two consecutive days OR the temperature is expected to reach 105 degrees or higher for two consecutive days.

CERT Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7PM
at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road. The meeting topic will be **Get A Kit, Make A Plan, Be Prepared.**

New volunteer opportunities and events are always available on Track it Forward!

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CERT News



Congratulations to **Nancy Ernst** and **Wesley Miller** on achieving their CERT 40 hours and earning their CERT gear!



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 **Alyssa Dequeant!**



Alyssa Dequeant

- Best sandwich? **Hutchins BBQ's brisket sandwich**
- What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **Od Ham Radio equipment we don't use**
- What is the scariest animal? **Not an animal, but tornadoes! Freak me out!**
- Native Texan or From Another Land? **Native Texan**
- Favorite action movie? **Not an action movie fan. Love me some Office Space and Killer Klowns from Outer Space!**
- Favorite smell? **Penzey's Roasted Garlic**
- Least favorite smell? **My cat's litterbox**
- Flat or sparkling water? **Flat**
- Most used app on your phone? **Email and Messages**
- You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **It's a tie between Kyrie by Mr. Mister and I Lived by One Republic**
- Describe the rest of your life in 5 words? **Travel the world, pet cats**

ARES & Skywarn News



Are you interested in learning more about **Skywarn**, and possibly joining the Skywarn team? There will be a short introduction after the CERT new member orientations on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 15th at 9:00 AM, at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road.

ARES needs more **NET control operators**. For Rowlett ARES member who would like to consider sharing NET control responsibilities, please let JP or Mark know (JP@ThePrescotts.info, MarkRi-aboy@Gmail.com). No experience is necessary, but you do need an FCC amateur radio license and at least a 20 watt mobile radio or a portable unit.

There will be a new **ARRL Technician class** with part one on Saturday, March 29th and part two on Saturday, April 5. The classes will start at 9:00 AM and should be over no later than 4PM each day. The fee is \$40 which includes the ARRL Technician Manual. Registration may be completed at: <https://rccc-100286.square.site/product/amateur-radio-technician-class/21?cs=true&cst=custom>

Dates of interest:

Monday, March 3 @ 20:00 – NET on AB5U UHF 441.325 + 162.2 (unless otherwise notified)

Monday, March 17 @ 19:00 – Monthly In-Person meeting @ FS2 training room. The topic "RT Systems software" will include guest speaker and RT Systems general manager Karin Thompson, KD4DXX.

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday May 4 for the MS150 bike rally: Contact LT Marple (KB5ZDG) j.marple@verizon.net for more information.

Explorer News



Our community is safer after this month's training, as the Post brushed up on first aid skills. The month was rounded out with resume-building and mock interview training to prepare the Explorers for the future.

The Lock-in left no pin standing, as the Explorers took to Bowl-a-rama, where Daric and Bella came out the victors. The night continued at Fire Admin where we enjoyed "boards and boards", with the Explorers bringing either charcuterie boards or board games for a night of fun.

Fire Explorer training brought out Ladder Five and Engine Two to help the Explorers familiarize themselves with the equipment and apparatus they'll be using on their ride-outs.

Explorer Highlight: Ava Texta

Ava has been a part of the Post for three years. She joined the Post because her sister was a member and invited her, thinking it would be fun, as well as a good fit.

When Ava isn't at school or the Post, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, softball, weightlifting, and hockey. Her current hockey obsession, thankfully, are the Dallas Stars!

Ava is currently serving as the lieutenant of first squad, the social media committee chair, and a Fire Explorer. Her goals are to make the Post more diverse and welcoming, and to get the Post more involved with the community.



Ava Texta

Explorer News (continued)



Explorers are 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.

DFW Fire Games April 26th 6:00AM - 1:00PM

It's that time of the year, where we start heating up for the annual DFW Fire Games! We look forward to the training and dedication to excellence that our Post always brings forward.

RCCC members note: there are still volunteer opportunities to support our Fire Explorers with parking and with the Firefighter Combat Challenge event. This is a wonderful chance to see our inspiring Explorers in action. It's always a fun time, so check out TIF.

Rowlett Fire Station 2, 8602 Schrade Road, Rowlett, TX 75088





BSA646 News



Tarleton State University Merit Badge Seminar
Photo courtesy of Mr. Lynas



Annual Scouting for Food drive
T646 Collected 423 items!
Photo courtesy of Ms. McPhail



Ethan D. Eagle Scout Project
20 dog beds dropped off!
Photo courtesy of Garland Animal Shelter



BSA646 News

Upcoming Events

March 9th **Trash Clean-up on Dalrock Road**

March 15th **Texas Fin-Fur-Con:** a One-day Wildlife and Conservation Merit Badge University at Camp Trevor Rees-Jones.

March 17-21st **Spring Break**

March 28-30th **Spring Camporee** at Camp Trevor Rees-Jones.

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 tell them to visit us 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.