



EastTex News April 2017

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RECENT EVENTS

EastTex and Rowlett CERT take the lead on the search for missing 70-year-old Michael Chambers.

Retired Fire Fighter Michael Chambers went missing on March 10th under suspicious circumstances. Representing the Northeast Texas Child Abduction Team (CART), Mike Rambo teamed with Hunt County Sheriff Office lead investigator, Lt. Roger Seals, to develop a search strategy that involved CERT responders, K-9 Teams, Dallas, Quinlan, Greenville and Cash Fire Fighters, and professional drone operations to achieve the objective.

While the large search effort did not produce a definitive result, it did eliminate a large area surrounding the last seen location. There were three days of searches and over 1,100 volunteer hours dedicated to the search.

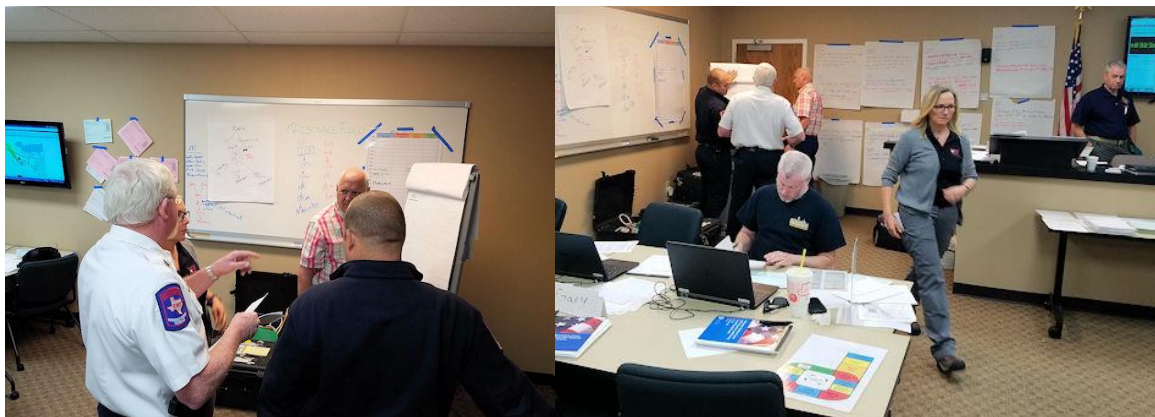
Hunt County Sheriff's Office and EastTex Regional CERT want to thank all the CERT responders and all others who participated in this effort.

Below are some of the pictures from the search effort:



EOC Operations for All-Hazards Events training was a big success!

EastTex CERT members, Police, Fire, and Emergency Managers attended a three day EOC Operations class taught by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). The EastTex members present showed leadership and the skills necessary to support an EOC during a real disaster in any of our four counties. ETRC members that complete this course will be on an emergency call-down list when an EOC become operational.



Baylor Scott & White – Fort Worth donates “expired” medical and communications supplies to EastTex CERT.

On April 5th, members of EastTex and Rowlett CERT picked up “expired” Quick Emit Kits, respirator refill canisters, and handheld VHF radios (with accessories) at BS&W in Ft. Worth. The kits will be used for mass casualty medical training and exercise by our RCCC partners. This VERY LARGE supply will last us for years to come. The respirator refill canisters will be distributed to our Fire Department partners in Fate, Rockwall, Royse City, Princeton and others as the supply lasts. They will use them for training and in tasks that do not require an expensive new mask.

We want to thank Travis Goff, BS&W and all the volunteers for taking the time to support this effort.

NEW FEMA G-317 CLASS – ROYSE CITY, JUNE 3RD AND 10th!

If you know someone that wants CERT training, have them register on our website www.easttexrc.org

May Training/Events

Stop the Bleed – May 11th

Founders Day Festival - Rockwall

What we have for sale

EASTTEX CERT MEMBER SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING!

Tax Deductible – all monies made beyond our cost goes to ETRC!

ETRC Cool Dry Polo Shirts, ARE ON SALE to all ETRC members.

Color: FOREST GREEN, WHITE LETERING OVER THE OUTLINE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS –Sizes and Price:

Sm through XL: \$30.00 Name included

2XL-6XL: \$40.00 Name included

Tall L-4XL: \$40.00 Name included

To purchase a shirt: Send an email to Program@easttexrc.org with your shirt size, number of shirts, how you want your name to appear (i.e. M. Rambo, Rambo, or Mike Rambo). You will pay cash when you pick up the shirt or shirts or make a check payable to: RCCC – EastTex CERT. You will receive a call or email when the shirt is ready.

REMAINING 2017 EVENTS:

Go to our calendar: www.easttexrc.org/calendar **TO REGISTER.**

Questions - Comments? Email Mike Rambo at Program@easttexrc.org.

--- WHAZZ UP! –

It's that time of the year where severe storms pop up and our four counties expect ETRC response when damage occurs. Keep your PPE in readiness and be prepared!

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NOTICE: All ETRC/CERT Members are required to have Medical/Health Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance to respond to ETRC or any Rowlett CERT emergency call-out. While we are not requiring a copy of your insurance do not want members without insurance responding.

If you do not have the insurance listed above let us know so we can take you off the texting service. You will be reinstated when you let us know you are covered.

REMEMBER – to remain active on the ETRC deployment list, the Text Notification list and our Email list, all members MUST ATTEND AT LEAST THREE (3) ETRC EVENTS.