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Harris County Citizen Corps to Host 4th Annual CERT Rodeo Round-Up

(Harris County, TX) - Harris County Citizen Corps will hold its fourth annual CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Rodeo on Saturday, February 20th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harris County Fire & Sheriff's Training Academy, 2318 Atascocita Rd. in Humble.*

The competition will give participants from across the state a chance to test their medical operations, search and rescue, fire suppression, incident command and essential emergency preparedness skills.

"Harris County's Citizen Corps is the best in the nation, leading the way through dedicated volunteers trained to help prevent, prepare for and respond to any disaster in their community," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Citizen Corps volunteers make our community a safer place to live each and every day."

After completing an extensive eight-week course taught by first-responders, CERT members are proficient in emergency preparedness basics that are put to use in their homes, workplace and communities. Harris County CERT has more than 8,000 trained volunteers and over 200 teams.

"The CERT Rodeo isn't about winning or losing. When another resident in our community is trained, we're better prepared and everyone wins," added Judge Emmett.

The group's success is due in large part to its growing partnership with first responders, non-profit agencies, and community organizations

Last year, Harris County Citizen Corps was honored with the National Citizen Corps Achievement Award for Volunteer Integration.

To join Harris County Citizen Corps, or for more information about the 4th Annual CERT Rodeo go to www.harriscountycitizencorps.com or call (281) JOIN NOW (564-6669).

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*Attention Media: Interview & Photo Op 1-3 p.m.