



## **Harris County Citizen Corps CERT Rodeo a Huge Success**

(Harris County, TX) – It was another successful year for the Harris County Citizen Corps' fourth annual CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Rodeo held Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Harris County Fire & Sheriff's Training Academy in Humble.

Over 450 participants from across the state had 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 go to [www.harriscountycitizencorps.com](http://www.harriscountycitizencorps.com) or call (281) JOIN NOW (564-6669).

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**Hargrave High School Teen CERT – Team reviewing cribbing techniques.**



**North Shore High School ROTC CERT – Patient transport and injury assessment.**