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# FEMA Region VI **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS**

Texas Community  
Preparedness Quarterly Report

2nd Quarter 2025– Ending June 30, 2025

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# Community Preparedness Program Report (Q2 2025)

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## Executive Summary

During the second quarter of 2025, community preparedness programs across Texas demonstrated strong activity and engagement across training, exercises, meetings, and outreach. Nearly all reporting programs contributed meaningful activity, underscoring the continued value of these initiatives in strengthening local resilience.

## Training

- Total Trainings Reported: 112
  - CERT: 103
  - MRC: 7
  - Fire Corps: 2
  - VIPS & USA on Watch: 0

Training activity was led by CERT programs, with Harris County Citizen Corps accounting for 61 trainings alone. Many other teams contributed steadily with 2–5 trainings each.

## Exercises

- Total Exercises Reported: 36
- Programs Participating: 14 of 22

Exercises included hurricane preparedness, line search drills, vehicle response, and community-based scenarios.

## Meetings

- Total Meetings Reported: 104
- Programs Hosting Meetings: 17 of 22

Meetings served as a core activity for coordination, volunteer engagement, and sustaining operational readiness.

## Activities

- Programs Reporting Activities: 21 of 22

Activities included support for community events (such as fairs, festivals, and drills), public education, preparedness campaigns, and direct support for emergency drills. These efforts reflect the versatility of programs in combining operational support with public outreach.

## Key Takeaways

- CERT remains the backbone of preparedness training, with high capacity in urban regions and steady contributions from smaller teams.
- Exercises and drills remain strong, reinforcing hands-on readiness.

- Meetings and outreach activities continue to demonstrate that volunteer engagement and public education are essential to building long-term resilience.

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## Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive overview of activities conducted by Community Preparedness Programs across Texas during the second quarter of 2025 (April 1 – June 30, 2025). The reporting period highlights the ongoing commitment of local programs and volunteers to strengthen community resilience through training, exercises, meetings, and outreach activities.

Across the state, programs demonstrated significant engagement, from large urban teams hosting multiple trainings and exercises to smaller community-based groups steadily supporting local events and preparedness initiatives. Collectively, these efforts reflect a strong emphasis on volunteer development, operational readiness, and public education—core elements of the mission to build safer, more resilient communities.

The information contained in this report summarizes the contributions of 22 reporting programs, offering both statewide totals and detailed program-level appendices. This provides a clear picture of the diverse ways Community Preparedness Programs continue to serve their regions and enhance preparedness across Texas.

## Report Structure

The report is organized into the following sections:

1. Training Summary (Appendix A) – Details of all training sessions conducted across Community Preparedness Program types, including CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, and USA on Watch.
2. Exercise Summary (Appendix B) – Overview of drills and exercises hosted or participated in during the quarter, with types and scope of activities.
3. Meeting Summary (Appendix C) – Documentation of planning, coordination, and volunteer meetings held by reporting programs.
4. Activities Summary (Appendix D) – Narrative descriptions of additional program activities such as outreach, community event support, and public preparedness campaigns.

Together, these sections provide both quantitative and qualitative insights into statewide preparedness activities during the second quarter of 2025.

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# Community Preparedness Quarterly Report (Q2 2025)

## Training Summary (Q2)

During the second quarter of 2025, a total of 22 programs submitted training reports, with 15 programs actively hosting training. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs remain the most active component of training statewide, collectively reporting 103 training courses. Harris County Citizen Corps accounted for the largest share, with a total of 61 training courses, while many smaller programs consistently hosted between two and five training courses each. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) training activity was more modest, with seven trainings reported, while Fire Corps reported two trainings total. No training activity was reported under Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) or USA on Watch this quarter.

## Appendix A: Training Submissions by Program (Q2)

Program	COG	CERT	MRC	VIPS	Fire Corps	USA on Watch
Burleson CERT	NCTCOG	3	0	0	0	0
Pearland Area Citizens Corps-MRC	HGAC	0	0	0	1	0
Bedford	NCTCOG	2	0	0	0	0
Rowlett Citizen Corps Council	NCTCOG	0	0	0	1	0
Hays County Community Emergency Response Team	CAPCOG	4	0	0	0	0
City of Murphy CERT	NCTCOG	2	0	0	0	0
Town of Prosper CERT	NCTCOG	3	0	0	0	0
Haltom City CERT	NCTCOG	4	0	0	0	0
BEXAR COUNTY CERT	AACOG	1	0	0	0	0

Mart HS Teen CERT	HOTCOG	5	0	0	0	0
Harris County Citizen Corps	H-GAC	61	0	0	0	0
Rio Grande CERT	RGCOG	3	0	0	0	0
Brazoria County Citizen Corps	H-GAC	0	6	0	0	0
Coastal Bend Citizen Corps	CBCOG	0	1	0	0	0
Brown Co	WCTCOG	1	0	0	0	0
Brown CERT	WCTCOG	2	0	0	0	0
WALKER COUNTY CERT	HGAC	3	0	0	0	0
Llano County CERT	CAPCOG	0	0	0	0	0
Sachse CERT	NCTCOG	3	0	0	0	0
Austin CERT	CAPCOG	5	0	0	0	0
City of Creedmoor	CAPCOG	0	0	0	0	0
Burnet County CERT	CAPCOG	1	0	0	0	0



## Exercise Summary (Q2)

A total of 36 exercises and drills were reported across 22 programs, with 14 programs participating in at least one of these exercises. Most activities were small-scale (1–2 events), while a few programs hosted multiple exercises. Types of exercises included hurricane preparedness, line search drills, vehicle response scenarios, and other community-based activities.

## Appendix B: Exercises Reported by Program (Q2)

Program	COG	Program Type	Exercises	Exercise Type(s)
Pearland Area Citizen Corps-MRC	HGAC	Fire Corps	1	Hurricane Preparedness
Bedford	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	2	1. How to respond if you or the car beside you is involved in a wreck with injuries. How to respond and handle the situation until First Responders arrive. 2. Wide Area Search drill for a missing 2 1/2-year-old male child that wandered away from his Mom at a busy city park. Radios, grid maps, and various documents and charts were used.
Rowlett Citizen Corps Council	NCTCOG	Fire Corps	1	Line Search
Town of Prosper CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	1	Tornado Awareness course with breakout sessions
Haltom City CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	1	Cumulative drill at the end of basic training - scenario including damage assessment, line search, and medical skills.

BEXAR COUNTY CERT	AACOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	2	Mass Casualty G 317 Shelter Training
Harris County Citizen Corps	Houston Galveston Area Council	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	15	CERT Final Drills
Brazoria County Citizen Corps	H-GAC	Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	2	CERT Skills Day Exercise - Our CERT Instructors observed students perform skills learned during training
Coastal Bend Citizen Corps	CBCOG	Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	1	5/16/2025 Embarkation Hub Tabletop Exercise (Staff participated in preparing Jurisdictional leaders to manage the evacuation process during disasters or emergencies effectively.
Brown CERT	WCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	1	Brownwood ISD School Drill, Mass Casualty Tabletop drill
WALKER COUNTY CERT	HGAC	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	2	Search & Rescue -- use of compass, map, and tracking collars with radio communications to maintain control & command of teams in the field. GPS -- basic operations, input coordinates, find coordinate locations, and report back to IC with findings.

Sachse CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	1	Five members participated in the POD drill in Duncanville; we were the GRIAGE (Greeting and Triage) unit. Fantastic drill
Austin CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3	CERT Basic end-of-course exercise
Burnet County CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	1	Burnet County BOPATE (this is an abbreviated Household Hazardous Waste event). Participants in the event practiced food handling by providing rehabilitation to staff members of the event.

## Meeting Summary (Q2)

Programs across the state reported hosting a total of 104 meetings this quarter. Out of 22 reporting programs, 17 held at least one meeting. Meetings varied in scope and frequency, ranging from small planning sessions to large-scale volunteer coordination efforts. These gatherings provided an essential forum for planning, training support, and maintaining connections among volunteers, agencies, and partners.

## Appendix C: Meetings Reported by Program (Q2)

Program	COG	Program Type	Meetings
Burleson CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Pearland Area Citizens Corps-MRC	HGAC	Fire Corps	8
Bedford	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	2
Rowlett Citizen Corps Council	NCTCOG	Fire Corps	5
Hays County Community Emergency Response Team	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	7
City of Murphy CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	2
Town of Prosper CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Haltom City CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Bexar County Cert	AACOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	4
Mart HS Teen CERT	HOTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	35
Harris County Citizen Corps	Houston Galveston Area Council	Community Emergency	4

		Response Team (CERT)	
Rio Grande CERT	RGCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	12
Brown Co	WCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Brown CERT	WCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Walker County Cert	HGAC	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Sachse CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	3
Burnet County CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	4

## Activities Summary (Q2)

Nearly all reporting programs (21 of 22) submitted meaningful activity reports this quarter. Activities reflected a wide range of preparedness, outreach, and community support efforts, such as safety fairs, public awareness campaigns, school-based programs, and support for local events. This broad scope highlights the versatility of community preparedness programs in supporting both operational readiness and public education.

## Appendix D: Activities Reported by Program (Q2)

Program	COG	Program Type	Activities
Burleson CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Special event support Super Safety Saturday (Outreach) Red, White & BTX (Support) Lions Club Parade (Support)
Pearland Area Citizens Corps-MRC	H-GAC	Fire Corps	Citizens Fire Academy, Annual Autism Day,
Rowlett Citizen Corps Council	NCTCOG	Fire Corps	Sponsored DFW Fire Games in April
Hays County Community Emergency Response Team	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Wimberley Market Days (3 days), Bobcat's Big Build (TXST - 1 day), Riverfest (TXST - 1 day), Dripping Springs Founders Day (3 days), Buda Weiner Dog Races (2 days), TXST Spring Commencement (3 days), Kyle Fair (3 days), San Marcos Mermaid Day Parade (1 day), Wimberley Memorial Day Concert (1 day), TDEM Conference (4 days), CERT Work Days (2 days), ABIA/TSA k-9 Decoy Training (12 days), Hays County Health Department Critical Response - Measles Exposure Call Bank (4 days)

City of Murphy CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Monthly meetings and training, staffed first aid tent at community events (Easter egg hunt, evening movies in the parks, summer concert series, barbeque competition), helped staff household hazardous waste collection/recycling collection, and traffic management
Town of Prosper CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Drug Take Back and Mutual Aid Treats deliveries to 10 fire stations and one police department.
Haltom City CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Recruiting new members and directing traffic at a community event.
Bexar County Cert	AACOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Facilitated G-317; Monthly Cert Meetings, Outreach Event/Recruitment
Mart HS Teen CERT	HOTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Daily Class 1 deployment
Harris County Citizen Corps	H-GAC	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	CERT Classes: HC- Humble Area CERT, HC Fire/Sheriff Academy, Humble, TX Tomball CERT, Tomball FD, Tomball, TX Cy Fair CERT, Lone Star College, Cypress, TX Baldree Community Center, HC Comm. Pct 2, Houston, TX Deputy Almendarez Community Center, HC Comm. Pct 2, Houston, TX

			<p>Jersey Village CERT,  Jersey Village, TX  COH- Texas Woman's  University CERT (Texas  Medical Center),  Houston, TX  Outreach:  HC-  05/09 – East Aldine  District's Disaster  Preparedness  Resource Fair  05/15– Presented a  Teen CERT Student the  FEMA Region 6  Community  Preparedness Award  (on behalf of TARC and  FEMA R6)  05/17 – Disaster  Readiness and  Resilience Clinic &amp;  Expo  06/13 HCSO/PAL  Summer Leader's  Camp- "Olivia"  Preparedness  Presentation  COH –  05/17 – Disaster  Readiness and  Resilience Clinic &amp;  Expo  05/28 – Magnolia Super  Neighborhood (CERT  presentation)</p>
Rio Grande CERT	RGCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	<p>During the last quarter,  our program  successfully facilitated  G-317: CERT Basic  Training and two  sessions of G-428:  CERT Train-the-Trainer.  We prepared all course  logistics, coordinated  with instructors, and  ensured participant  readiness. These</p>



			<p>trainings strengthened our region's emergency response capacity and expanded our pool of certified instructors to support ongoing community preparedness efforts.</p>
<p>Brazoria County Citizen Corps</p>	<p>H-GAC</p>	<p>Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)</p>	<p>04/05/2025 Hybrid CERT Volunteer Skills Exercise Assistance- volunteers assisted with the hands-on portion of the Hybrid CERT exercise, helping to teach and demonstrate key skills. (Iowa Colony, Brazoria County).</p> <p>04/25/2025 Alvin Community College Disaster Day - Volunteers served in critical roles, portraying patients, and family members to help create a realistic emergency response environment. One MRC member also participated as a guest speaker, sharing insights into real-world emergency preparedness and response. (Alvin, Brazoria County;</p> <p>04/26/2025 Frontier Day - Outreach Booth - staff booth and share information about Brazoria County CERT and MRC and talk with the community about emergency preparedness (Alvin, Brazoria County);04/28-</p>

			<p>05/02/2025 NACCHO Preparedness Summit - Participation in the summit provided valuable opportunities for networking, professional development, and learning about the latest strategies in emergency preparedness, response, and volunteer engagement. (San Antonio, Bexar County); 05/09/2025 Preparedness Bag Stuffing - pack bags with preparedness items and information to hand out during upcoming events (Angleton, Brazoria County); 05/10/2025 Matagorda Hurricane Symposium - help set up and staff our booth, share information about CERT &amp; MRC programs, answer basic questions, and hand out materials (Bay City, Matagorda County);</p> <p>06/2/2025 Hybrid CERT with Skills Exercise Assistance - volunteers assisted with the hands-on portion of the Hybrid CERT exercise, helping to teach and demonstrate key skills. (Angleton, Brazoria County); 06/14/2025 Hurricane &amp; Disaster Preparedness Expo -</p>
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			<p>Volunteers distributed over 600 bags filled with preparedness materials, emergency items, and county disaster guides. They also staffed the welcome table, shared information about joining the MRC, encouraged sign-ups for upcoming training, distributed raffle tickets, and assisted with food and drink distribution. Outside, team members managed the cooling trailer during the Touch-a-Truck event. Additionally, one MRC Unit Leader delivered a presentation on “Building an Emergency Kit” to more than 600 attendees. (Angleton, Brazoria County); 06/21/2025 Help Is On The Way - Volunteers attended an event for local community partners to meet with the public and show what services are available. We gave out about 100 bags filled with preparedness Information (Manvel, Brazoria County). 06/28/2025 Freedom Fireworks - Ensure public safety by preventing unauthorized access to restricted areas, assisted with fire watch duties during the</p>
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			show, and helped maintain a safe environment. (Angleton, Brazoria County)
Brown Co	WCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Three meetings, Activated to house fire
Brown CERT	WCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Traffic controllers at the Kiwanis Club Kids Fishing tournament for over 200 kids
Walker County Cert	HGAC	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Emergency Preparedness fair held at Walker County storm shelter -- Discussed WC CERT and Emergency Preparedness with visitors. 20+ organizations represent EM, ie, EMS, Fire, PD, TFS, Hospital, etc. 100-Year Huntsville Fire Department birthday celebration in downtown Huntsville -- EMS, local Fire Departments, EM groups from Conroe, Madisonville, and WC on site. WC CERT displayed the WC CERT Emergency trailer, discussed CERT, EM preparedness, and tours for the trailer.
Llano County CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	We did not meet last quarter, but we will meet this quarter.
Sachse CERT	NCTCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Community events, park concerts, and weather prep

Austin CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Training internal staff in Basic and Train the Trainer to serve as future instructors. Training first public CERT Basic class.
City of Creedmoor	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	CAPCOG Warning & Alert Course.
Burnet County CERT	CAPCOG	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	We conducted a general meeting that included training by the Bertram Fire Department's Battalion Chief on wildfire mitigation. We also conducted the Burnet County BOPATE event that allowed members to practice field sanitation and food handling.

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## Conclusion

The second quarter of 2025 reflects strong and sustained engagement by Community Preparedness Programs across Texas. Nearly all reporting programs submitted meaningful contributions, underscoring the statewide commitment to resilience and volunteerism.

### Key successes this quarter include:

- **High training output** led by CERT teams, with both large urban programs and smaller local groups contributing consistently to volunteer readiness.
- **Diverse exercise participation** across 14 programs, providing communities with hands-on preparedness experience through scenarios such as hurricane response, severe weather drills, and public health exercises.
- **Strong coordination through meetings**, with 104 gatherings reported, demonstrating the importance of routine communication in sustaining active and organized volunteer networks.
- **Broad community engagement** through activities that ranged from supporting festivals and fairs to conducting targeted outreach and preparedness campaigns.

### Statewide patterns show a clear emphasis on:

- **CERT as the backbone** of community preparedness, accounting for the vast majority of reported training.
- **Partnerships with public events** as a primary strategy for outreach and visibility, connecting preparedness messages to diverse audiences.
- **Consistency across regions**, with both urban and rural programs finding ways to adapt activities to local needs while contributing to statewide goals.

Taken together, these patterns underscore the resilience of Texas communities and the crucial role that preparedness programs play in enhancing safety, readiness, and public education. Q2 demonstrates that when programs engage volunteers consistently and align with community events, they both strengthen operational capacity and foster lasting public trust.