



**Burnet
Office Emergency Management**



**Burnet County CERT
General Meeting
Agri-Life, 607 N Vandever St,
South Wing, Rm 13, Burnet, Tex.
April 10, 2025- 1900 Hours**

Call to Order: Brenda Conn, Chair

Activities since last General Meeting, January 16, 2025

Minutes from January 16, 2025 – General Meeting - Posted

Minutes from March 13, 2025 - Officer's Meeting - Posted

Shelter Training - January 18, 2025 (20 participants)

Wildfire Mitigation Strategies - February 8, 2025 (15 participants)

Disaster Preparedness Fair - March 29, 2025

OFFICER REPORTS:

Brenda Conn- Chair & Membership, Lynn Smith- Vice-Chair, Ann Hoskins- Secretary, Vee Brown- Web Master, Toni Hauer- Logistics, Jim Gallagher,-Support Position, Robyn Richter- Training

CERT Executive Staff Report – Derek Marchio

NEW BUSINESS:

Bopate - April 26, 2025

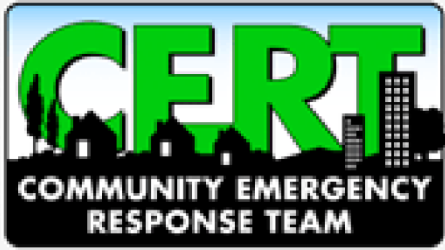
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Meeting - July 10, 2025

Officers Meeting - June 12, 2025

ADJOURN

Training TBA



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April 10, 2025 - 1900 Hours

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brenda Conn, Lynn Smith, Vee Brown, Robyn Richter, Jim Gallagher, Ann Hoskins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Brenda Conn at 1900 Hours

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from January 16, 2025, General Meeting and March 13, 2025, Officer's Meeting were approved as posted on the website.

ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 16, 2025

- Shelter Training - January 18, 2025 (20 CERT participants)
- Wildfire Mitigation Strategies - February 8, 2025 (15 CERT participants)
- Officer's Meeting - March 14, 2025 (5 Board members)
- Disaster Preparedness Fair - March 29, 2025

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Brenda Conn: 282 hours for 1st quarter of 2025

Reminder if not an event with CERT sign in page, to login and submit volunteer hours and if a training please send Vee Brown certificate or proof of attendance.

START TIME OF GENERAL MEETING: Brenda Conn requested to change the start time of the General Meeting to 1800 Hours from 1900 Hours and all in attendance agreed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **Lynn Smith**, needs volunteers for BOPATE on April 26, 2025, so far only 2 have volunteered. Three additional attendees agreed to volunteer. Lynn Smith shared a PEC training she attended on how to prepare when you lose electricity (a five-hour event). Stated helpful information and wondered how it could be offered to Burnet CERT members.
- **Jim Gallagher** reported at the Disaster Preparedness Fair that 13 persons signed up as interested in the next training class and requested the interested singers be invited to next general meeting to keep interest piqued. Jim also suggested prior to general meeting to check and see what other meetings are happening the same night and maybe change meeting night for better attendance.
- **Robyn Richter** reported she is trying to reach raffle winners from Disaster Preparedness Fair. Robyn reported a lot of good information at the Fair and CERT had the most information with a lot geared for children and the best table at the Fair!

CERT EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORT: Derek Marchio

- Reported he received 39 new backpacks.
- There were 100 to 150 attendees at the Disaster Preparedness Fair. Stated he might consider moving the Fair to September since this is Disaster Preparedness Month and maybe not as many events happening.
- Burnet County is still under a **BURN BAN** and last real rain in county was in August of last year. So far in 2025 we have received only 35% -

40% of normal rainfall. April is usually the wettest month of the year and in April 2025 only a third of an inch of rain to date.

- Reported received numerous preparedness supplies from Kenneth Spears.
- Discussed ISTF to work with local CERT programs
- Next General Meeting, on July 10, 2025, bring your GO TO BAG and share with the group

ADJOURN: 1925 Hours

NEXT MEETINGS

- BOPATE - April 26, 2025
- Officers Meeting - June 12, 2025
- General Meeting - July 10, 2025

TRAINING

Bertram Battalion Fire Chief

Discussed outdoor burning and issues with developers leaving large brush piles, then burning at one time when burn ban lifted and burning during the burn ban. It is a Class C misdemeanor fine and their Sheriff Department does give tickets.

There was discussion on ESDs (Emergency Service District) in Burnet County. They are appointed by the County commissioners and some are EMS only and some are EMS and fire. Members are encouraged to attend the ESD meetings in their area to ask for help in mitigating fire danger.

Discussion on grants to provide help with mechanical fuel reduction for homeowners. Link for more information is: tfsweb.tamu.edu/mechgrant

Explanation on North and South Burnet Task Force, composed of 13 fire departments with the north/south dividing line as Park Road 4. Two trucks from each department for major fires and one call from the Task Force can secure more help.

Reminder from Robyn to encourage businesses to support out of area fire fighters when they are in the area, since they are working 24/7.

Overall, a lot of good information to encourage us to get involved to reduce fire danger in our county.

Adjourned @ 2030

Submitted by Ann Hoskins