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## **New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team Wins Awards**

**New Braunfels, TX** – Members of the New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) were recently recognized with awards from the Alamo Region Citizen Corps Council. The awards showcase advanced local practices and accomplishments by recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward making their communities better prepared before, during and after disasters.

### **Award for Program Manager of the Year 2017 – Lisa Rubey**

As the NBCERT program manager Ms. Rubey oversees all the members who, in 2017, completed over 6,154 hours of volunteer time in activations, planned events, training, and independent study. Lisa coordinates all Basic CERT classes offered and assists with Search and Rescue trainings.

“Lisa has been instrumental in cultivating leadership within the team - developing the key policies and procedures that CERT programs need to operate smoothly and effectively,” said Andy Cardiel, New Braunfels Emergency Management Coordinator. “Her dedication and commitment were very evident during this summer when emergency shelters were opened in New Braunfels during the Hurricane Harvey event.”

### **Award for New Instructor of the Year 2017 – Haley Rubey**

As a NBCERT member since 2013, Haley Rubey has become an instructor for the basic CERT class taught quarterly - this year training 64 students. Haley accomplished this while attending high school and working full time in the summer. Her focus is in the Disaster Psychology and Disaster Medical Operations units. She uses her experiences in working with special needs populations, and as Lead Guard and Competition Life Guard from Schlitterbahn, to help her instruct.

### **Award for Supporting Partner of the Year 2017 – CBE Companies**

CBE Companies, New Braunfels, was recognized for their donation to NBCERT. Their Casual for a Cause program allows employees to wear jeans to work when those employees volunteer for a regular paycheck deduction targeted to charity. CBE donated \$4,798.79 to NBCERT that will be used for needed training and deployment equipment.

NBCERT was established by the City Office of Emergency Management in December of 2010. The organization provides free, quarterly training and recruiting events. The training consists of a 20-hour certification

course that includes disaster first aid, light search and rescue, fire safety, disaster psychology and terrorism awareness.

“CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people,” said Andy Cardiel, New Braunfels Emergency Management Coordinator.

To learn more about CERT, or sign up for the next class, call 830.221.4270

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