

RHEA COUNTY

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Homeland Security Recertifies CPR/AED and First Aid Training



On Thursday February 15th and Saturday February 17th, Homeland Security members renewed their certifications in CPR/AED and First Aid at the Civil Air Patrol Complex.

The instructors for the class were Gary Roddy, Geri Walker and Judy Steele.

The class was approximately 4 hours long and we learned some new stuff had taken place since we had the course a couple of years ago. Seems there's a good reason to keep up the certification, things change and without this new information

Our abilities would be diminished.

Thanks to the instructors for volunteering their time to keep us up to date and to the members that participated in the class a big thanks for showing your continued dedication to the team.

NEXT
HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING
MARCH 29TH

Civil Air Patrol Exercise

On the week end of March 3rd and 4th, The Rhea County Squadron of The Civil Air Patrol hosted a multi squadron and multi agency exercise..

I don't have any particulars on exactly what the C.A.P. Mission was or what all it encompassed. All I can report about is Homeland Security and our mission.

Homeland Security was ask to provide Security for the exercise which required checking everyone that entered the C.A.P. property.

Everyone that participated had to show a valid membership card and a current 101 card. We also checked for any weapons and scanned the vehicles for anything out of the ordinary.

Besides doing security at the complex, we had officers posted at the gate to the air field. We also sent escorts with the air crews that were going out on a mission. The escorts traveled from the complex to the gate at the Air Port.

We had a total of 17 Homeland Security Team members that participated and we had the Sheriff's Mobil Command Post set up at the entrance of the Complex.

Homeland Security only participated the first day of the two day exercise. It was apparent that we could control access to and from the secure area so bringing everyone out for the second day really wasn't necessary.

I will mention that the day we were there it was extremely windy and rather cool.. But everyone enjoyed the opportunity to participate with another agency.

It was a great experience and we learned a few things along the way. We were able to rotate personnel in and out of different duties and everything ran smoothly.

Thanks to the civil Air Patrol for including us in on this exercise. Not only is it good for our newer members, but it benefits everyone. We are always learning and by being part of exercises and drills with other agencies we gain valuable skills. We have learned over the years that no two events are alike, we have to be prepared for whatever has to be done and our teams has always performed extremely Well.

Thanks to all who came out and gave of their time and talents to make this exercise a success .

Tactical Medical Training with Chattanooga S.W.A.T.

We have now rescheduled the Tactical Medical Training with Chattanooga S.W.A.T. for Thursday, Mar. 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. Wear uniform and bring your weapon but leave all ammo in your vehicle. Weapons will be cleared upon your arrival at the school. Enter at the rear of the building (West side). This is for all who wish to attend but is required for those wishing to be certified as a Tactical Medical Responder. Rhea County's Special Response Team will also be participating.

On March 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the C.A.P., Ed Ley has arranged for Lt. Brooks with the East Ridge Police Dept to give a presentation on Suicide Bombers for our normal monthly meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Gary Roddy

Bravo Team Leader

Family Communications Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so families must plan in advance. Who is the point of contact? How will you communicate? These are just a few of the important questions that must be addressed in a plan. Making sure that your family has a plan in case of an emergency is critical to effective preparedness. [Creating a plan <http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html>](http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html) is surprisingly easy, thanks to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign. This even includes a downloadable Family Emergency Plan. It asks the questions... you answer them... and there is your plan! The American Red Cross also offers [tips on creating a plan <http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_80_00.html>](http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_80_00.html).

And here's a tip: Commit a weekend to updating telephone numbers, buying emergency supplies and reviewing your emergency plan with everyone.

Establish A Specific Meeting Place

Having a [predetermined meeting place <http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/health_adults.asp>](http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/health_adults.asp) away from your home will save time and minimize confusion if your home is affected or your neighborhood is evacuated. Have you decided on a meeting place? Does everyone in your family know where it is?

You should also be aware of the [Next Of Kin Registry <http://www.nokr.org>](http://www.nokr.org) (NOKR) -- a free tool for daily emergencies and national disasters. NOKR is an emergency contact system to help if you or your family member is missing, injured or deceased. NOKR provides the public a free proactive service to store emergency contacts, next of kin and vital medical information that would be critical to emergency response agencies.

Practiced Or Drilled On What To Do In An Emergency

The old saying is true: Practice makes perfect. And although no one can ever be perfectly prepared... practicing or performing emergency drills is very important. Most schools require all students to participate in fire drills... every family should have emergency drills as well. You can even make them an [enjoyable family activity <http://preparedness.families.com/blog/five-ways-to-make-emergency-drills-fun-and-effective>](http://preparedness.families.com/blog/five-ways-to-make-emergency-drills-fun-and-effective).

Here's the list of courses that all Homeland

Security members are required to take:

[IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100 \[http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp\]](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp)

[IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents \[http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp\]](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp)

[IS-700 National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction \[http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp\]](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp)

[IS-800.A National Response Plan \(NRP\), An Introduction \[http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800a.asp\]](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800a.asp)