

WALDEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTION TEAM

In the aftermath of Ike, I'm sure all Walden residents recognized the need for WEMAT. Some may have expected more from WEMAT than the organization was able to provide, but there while is much that WEMAT can do there is also much that it cannot do. We have become complacent because we have not had any severe weather since then. BUT we need to be prepared!

WEMAT/CERT is unique because:

- it is a private CERT program. It does not get any annual funding from any governmental taxing agency. WEMAT was able to get a Homeland Security grant due to efforts of Senator John Cornyn.
- it has a Section Leader/Block Captain (SLBC) program. We have not identified another Section Leader/Block Captain program in any other CERT organization.

On May 4, 2007, the Texas State Senate recognized and commended Walden's Emergency Management Team and Dan Davis in particular, for their volunteer work and training on behalf of their community with Senate Resolution No. 969.

The **purpose** of the WEMAT Section Leader Block Captain Liaison Program is designed to rapidly identify damage and injuries during an emergency and, using the WEMAT LIAISON radio, provide expedited communications to Incident Command, resulting in more rapid disaster assessment and assistance to our neighbors.

The **responsibilities** of the WEMAT Liaison and Section Leader/Block Captain include meeting once per quarter to review status of SLBC program in each participating section of Walden; take necessary action to meet minimum requirement of membership and training; and exchange telephone numbers and any other necessary information. Block captains are responsible for collecting emergency forms from their neighbors and walking the area following a storm to assess damage and assistance needed. This is explained at training sessions.

The **responsibilities** of Marine are to transport injured persons to a designated area where EMS can meet them.

The **responsibility** of the Medical Team is to stabilize injured until EMS can reach them. A triage location and alternate location are identified.

The **responsibilities** of Search and Rescue are to locate persons identified by Block Captains who are in need of help and possibly injured and transport them to the triage location.

We are in need of Block Captains and Section Leaders to replace those who have moved/retired. Marine, Medical, Search and Rescue teams can use more help. It is important to know that WEMAT volunteers are not "on call" for every storm, flood, or every weather related problem. **WEMAT activates when Walden Road is cut off from emergency services or when emergency services requests assistance.**

For more information on this program contact Janie Smith at janeasmith@consolidated.net or refer to the contacts on the back of this form.

SECTION LEADERS

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
1	Kym Coomler-Wyant	233-2721
2	Gordon Juhl Block Captain acting SL	582-1146
3	Jackie Davis	448-2629
4	Yvonne Romeo (temporary)	588-6917
5	Margie Barlow	582-7782
6	Gaby and John Tryon	448-1342
7	No Section Leader	
7A	Bill Beran	448-4645
8	Robin Garnett	582-1294
9	Max Murrell	582-6875
10	Pam Dieterich	448-1917
11	Mary Ann Johnson (acting section leader)	582-1490
12,12A, 13	None	
14	None	
15	None	
16	None	
17	None	
18	None	
19	None	