



**Memo to:** All interested participants

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**Subject:** 6th - **Disaster Volunteer Academy** - invitation

Brazos County Interjurisdictional Emergency Management and our Volunteer Organizations will hold its Spring Session “Disaster Volunteer Academy” during February 4th through April 8th, 2010. Our Academy is designed to create a cadre of local volunteers for disaster response and recovery. Volunteers are provided information and skills relating to various areas of hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The goal of this training is to enhance Emergency Management’s readiness by including citizen response teams.

The Disaster Volunteer Academy core training is a total of 27 hours and comprised of nine sessions. Sessions take place in various locations and instructors come from professionals in Emergency Management and Volunteer Agencies.

Core training provides an overview of local emergency management and how our community responds in a disaster. Volunteers will learn skills that will help safeguard their life, their property and their loved ones. Americans today are aware of the war on terror and the need for volunteer assistance in a time of crisis. This training will not only assist in safeguarding our homeland, but can provide a resource for those needs that arise when natural disasters occur or at a time of crisis, such as the Bonfire collapse.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Seniors 55+ and young adults are especially encouraged to join this training. Training takes place in the evening, with the final session being an exercise that allows volunteers to experience a mock disaster and receive hands-on training on disaster response and recovery activities.

You can register on line at: [www.bcdem.org](http://www.bcdem.org) or call 979-821-1010/1011: *Schedule is attached.*

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