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**'Tommy Moose' Comforts Kids In Traumatic Situation**

*Discover how men and women of the Moose organization support children in need*  
Who knew a 12-inch-tall plush animal could have such a grand impact? The men and women of the Moose know—as they reach a milestone late this year of having made available their 100,000th Tommy Moose to a child who could really use a source of comfort. When a child experiences a traumatic event – domestic violence, natural disaster, accident or otherwise – emergency services workers across the continent are turning to this unique program as it marks its sixth year of helping children in need. The Tommy Moose program, sponsored by Moose International, provides the plush dolls to police officers, firefighters, and ambulance personnel all over North America. They keep the plush dolls in their vehicles, ready to be given to children when the children or their families are involved in fires, accidents or other traumatic situations.

**City to collect Canned Food for Thanksgiving.**

Beginning Monday, November 2, 2009 City of Joshua Offices will be conducting a food drive until November 20, 2009. Donations will be donated to an area Church in an effort to ensure that no area families go without during this Thanksgiving season. If you would like to participate in this event please go by any of the following locations Monday thru Friday—8:00 am to 5:00 pm and place your donation in the box.

City Hall- 101 S. Main  
Police Department - 102 S. Main  
Animal Shelter – 100 Santa Fe

**City Hall Closed November 11, 2009**

In observance of Veterans Day, City Offices will be closed on Wednesday November 11, 2009.

**Joshua Community Emergency Response Team**

Meeting dates are being considered to form the Joshua CERT Team. Persons interested should contact the Glen Hargrove, Fire Marshal at 817-558-7447

The Community Emergency Response Team concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs. As a result, the LAFD created the Disaster Preparedness Division with the purpose of training citizens and private and government employees.

The training program that LAFD initiated makes good sense and furthers the process of citizens understanding their responsibility in preparing for disaster. It also increases their ability to safely help themselves, their family and their neighbors. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizes the importance of preparing citizens. The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the National Fire Academy adopted and expanded the CERT materials believing them applicable to all hazards.

The CERT course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Additionally, if a community wants to supplement its response capability after a disaster, civilians can be recruited and trained as neighborhood, business, and government teams that, in essence, will be auxiliary responders. These groups can provide immediate assistance to victims in their area, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had the training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources following a disaster. Since 1993 when this training was made available nationally by FEMA, communities in 28 States and Puerto Rico have conducted CERT training.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

4A Economic Development Board	November 9, 2009	6:30 p.m.
4B Economic Development Board	November 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Veterans Day – City Facilities Closed	November 11, 2009	
City Council Meeting	November 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.