

LLANO COUNTY EMERGENCY OFFICIALS SEEK
VOLUNTEERS IN THE EVENT OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTERS

Llano, Texas – Volunteers are essential during a public health emergency as a supplement to those in the health and medical community. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Region 7 through the Capital Area Council of Governments and Llano County are recruiting volunteers to aid Llano County in the event of a public health disaster. DSHS, the state agency charged with protecting the public's health in the event of a disease outbreak that may occur naturally or from acts of bioterrorism, will need assistance in distributing medications to the local community in a short timeframe. Therefore, a volunteer program called Protect Texas has been implemented. By volunteering to work with others at emergency clinic sites, you can help in a time of need. In the event of an emergency, your local community will require the coordinated effort of hundreds of medical and non-medical volunteers, and concerned citizens like you to respond and help save lives. Llano County is looking for interested persons over 18 that are willing to become Protect Texas volunteers. The participation, support and commitment of Llano County residents will enable the community to work together with local law enforcement, and county/city/state emergency officials to be prepared, ready to respond and take ownership of any local disaster in your community. These same volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in call down drills and local mock disaster exercises in the community under the direction of emergency officials. Protect Texas volunteer applications are available at the Llano County Judges' Office. All information will be kept confidential and will be maintained in a database by local emergency management officials.

For more information about volunteering, contact Jannelle Gray with the Llano County Judges' Office at (325) 247-7730 or countyjudgeassistant@yahoo.com.