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**FORT BEND COUNTY CERT COORDNITOR RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**



*Michael Kahlenberg, CERT Coordinator for Fort Bend County, is pictured with Dennis Schrader, Deputy Administrator with FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate.*

Michael Kahlenberg, Fort Bend County CERT Coordinator, was awarded the President's Volunteers Service Award on August 20, 2008, at the National Citizen Corps Leadership Forum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Citizen Corps leaders from across the nation gathered to learn new information, exchange ideas, and broaden their awareness of the Citizen Corps Program during this conference.

Michael was the only person to receive this recognition at the conference. He has been a dedicated CERT Volunteer for many years, and even became employed by Fort Bend County to develop CERT and train citizens in his community. He is a living example of personal preparedness and the award he received is well deserved!

**About Citizen Corps:** Citizen Corps offers volunteer opportunities to support local fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and community public health efforts. With the added support of citizen volunteers, emergency service providers have more time to fulfill their highly skilled responsibilities to make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared. To learn more about the Citizen Corps Program, go to [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov) and [www.texascitizencorps.org](http://www.texascitizencorps.org)