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### **Trent, Texas CERT Members Help Their Community**

A mineral blockage caused water to stop running to residents in Trent, Texas on Tuesday, December 23 that left residents without water over Christmas. Throughout this problem, residents coped with this inconvenience by helping one another.

Trent Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members manned phones and called residents to inform them as to where to pick up water for drinking and household use. CERT Volunteers Coy Roper and his wife Sharlotte were instrumental in getting information out to members of their community.

Richard and Cindy Beaver, other volunteers from the Trent CERT were among the people who put their Christmas plans on hold so they could help distribute drinking water to residents on Christmas Day. They set up shop at the Trent Volunteer Fire Department and went door to door with other volunteers to deliver water to residents. "We wanted to make sure everyone had water, so this is what we did," Cindy Beaver said. "Residents just need to call us, and we will be there to deliver water."

Water was restored to the community by Friday, December 26. "The Texas Citizen Corps Program is proud to have volunteers such as the Beaver and Roper families who delayed time with their friends and families on Christmas Day to help members of their community. This is what the Citizen Corps Program is all about," said Regina Chapline, Texas Citizen Corps Manager.

CERT is one of five Citizen Corps Programs that encourages people to volunteer to help their community and local first responders.

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