

FEMA Selects Hannah Farris for 2017 Youth Preparedness Council

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DENTON, Texas – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) welcomes Hannah Farris from Arlington, Texas as one of the 15 national selectees for the 2017–2019 [Youth Preparedness Council \(YPC\)](#).

The FEMA YPC was formed in 2012 to bring together high school-age youth leaders from across the country who are interested and engaged in emergency preparedness. The 15 council members are attending the YPC Summit in Washington, D.C., from July 18-19, to meet with FEMA leaders and prepare for the year ahead.

Hannah Farris stands out as a leader among her peers. As a mentor on the Texas Youth Preparedness Council and member of the FEMA Region VI Youth Preparedness Council, Farris advises teens around the state and helps them with their preparedness projects. She created a survey for her fellow Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) classmates to find out if they knew the correct way to respond to a lockdown, and she worked with one of her high school teachers to start a service-based club, where she currently serves as the club's president.

"We are pleased to see Hannah's selection to the National YPC," said FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Robinson. "She is the youthful voice among the creative forces who launched the state of Texas Youth Preparedness Council in 2016."

During Farris' time on the council, she plans to visit local elementary schools to talk with students about what they should do in case of a fire or tornado. She also wants to create a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at her high school.

To learn more about the FEMA YPC, please visit: www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council.



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