

# County's emergency chief honored

## Braun named Texas' top manager

Fort Bend County Emergency Coordinator Jeff Braun has been named Texas' emergency manager of the year by his peers across the state.



**Braun**

Braun accepted the award Friday from the Emergency Managers Association of Texas while attending a State Homeland Security Conference in San Antonio.

Braun was honored for using innovative and creative initiatives that have enhanced not only the local emergency management program, but regional efforts as well.

County Judge Bob Hebert was pleased.

"Jeff's dedication and professionalism has not been lost on us," said Hebert, "but it's nice to see his peers across Texas take note of his quality performance in emergency management."

Braun became the county's emergency manager in 2003 and has upgraded the program through a three-fold strategy focusing on networking, developing partnerships and effective grants management.

During his tenure, Braun has led his staff in responses to situations ranging from spilled chemicals on U.S. 59 to housing Hurricane Katrina evacuees and handling aspects of the massive evacuation of the entire Gulf Coast region before the landfall of Hurricane Rita.

Braun has also participated in county and regional training exercises and serves in leadership roles in groups including the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Prior to his tenure as emergency coordinator, Braun worked as the city manager for Rosenberg and other cities.

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