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Date: February 11, 2026

To: Kevin Lemon  
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Texas State Radio Officer  
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)

From: Clinton Thetford  
Emergency Management Coordinator Lubbock County  
Texas RACES Regional Radio Officer / Region 1

Topic: Recommendation for Texas RACES member of the year.

I would like to recommend Brandon Kimbrell for Texas RACES member of the year for outstanding service by a volunteer.

Brandon Kimbrell currently serves as Texas RACES Regional Radio Office Alternate A, Region 1.

Brandon started serving as the Lubbock County RACES Coordinator and Lubbock County CRO for Texas State RACES about three years ago. In the last three years, he has not only built a RACES program, but also built an AUXCOMM group, the West Texas Pathfinders. His original charge from myself was to build a comprehensive emergency communications group that was all encompassing of all methods of emergency communication to include Amateur Radio, General Mobile Radio Service, Family Radio Service and all other forms of radio communications methods.

In the three years he has helped form the West Texas Pathfinders which is a diverse group of Radio Communications enthusiast and Emergency Preparedness Enthusiast of 200 members. This group currently serves as SkyWarn Spotters for Lubbock County and the Lubbock National Weather service. This group is also prepared to respond to any request from Emergency Management Officials such as filling the gaps for emergency communications, serving as volunteers for search and rescue missions, or serving as volunteers to facilitate shelter operations.

He has also built relationships with Local Emergency Management Coordinators, State Agencies and Non-profit groups in the South Plains Region of Texas.

He has attended numerous training events to enhance his capabilities to serve in his RRO Alternate position.

He regularly participated in weekly Texas Races Zoom meetings and Monthly training Nets.

He has also assisted in training of Texas RACES members and checks on multiple Amateur Radio Station to ensure operability.

With all his hard work and dedication to Texas State Races I believe he deserves to be recognized.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clinton Thetford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clinton Thetford

CC: Paige Purvis; Erica McDowell; Nim Kidd