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**Kerrville Lifeguard Team Earns 2nd Place at the
Texas SuperGuard Competition**

Kerrville, Texas (July 10, 2013) – The City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department's Lifeguard Team competed against 23 other teams at the 31st Annual Texas SuperGuard Lifeguard Competition in College Station on July 8, 2013. The Kerrville team was awarded 2nd place overall just behind The Woodlands Township, and qualified for the Games of Texas State Lifeguard Competition to be held in Corpus Christi on July 29, 2013.

A Lifeguard Competition team consists of two female and two male lifeguards. The Kerrville Lifeguard Team members are Travis Barnes-Johnson, Melissa Blanchard, Rosa Ledesma, and Chase Rosborough. Barnes-Johnson and Blanchard both participated in the competitive lifeguard competitions last year in which the team qualified for the State Lifeguard Competition in Kerrville's first year competing. In addition to their regular lifeguard duties, the team endures rigorous and specialized training to prepare for the competitions.

The Texas SuperGuard competition consisted of individual and team skills competing in several unknown scenarios and simulations that encompass First-Aid, CPR, spinal injury management, water rescues, conscious and unconscious guests and additional lifesaving

techniques. Event coordinators do their best to simulate the emergency with makeup, props, fake blood and in some competitions, a theartic professional to create life like injuries. Teams are meticulously judged on their ability to recognize and react to each emergency, problem solving, confidence, teamwork, rule enforcement, triage, and overall skill level and management of the scenario.

“This is the second year that Kerrville has had a competitive lifeguard team and they are definitely making a name for the City of Kerrville,” said Destini Leija, Parks and Recreation Specialist and supervisor for the city aquatics programs.

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Pictured – Kerrville Lifeguard Team at the Texas SuperGuard Competition on July 8, 2013. (left to right): Travis-Barnes Johnson, Chase Rosborough, Rosa Ledesma, Melissa Blanchard.

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