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Page 1: Contact Info

Q1

Contact Info

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Q2

Name of CERT Program you are affiliated with

Southern Nevada CERT

Q3

Name of Government Agency you are an employee with if applicable

City of Las Vegas

Q4

Please indicate your current CERT roles (choose all that apply)

CERT Basic Instructor,
Staff for Local Emergency Management,
Other (please specify):
EMI Instructor for CERT TTT

Q5

Please indicate your region (where you are physically based)

Region IX - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam,
America Samoa, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands,
Micronesia

Page 2: CERT Experience

Q6

How many years have you been involved with CERT?

4.5 years

Q7

Which CERT related courses have you taken (select all that apply)

CERT Basic Training Course,
CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
CERT Program Manager Course

Q8

Briefly describe your CERT experience

I am a CERT instructor for the last 4.5 years with City of Las Vegas and a EMI instructor for the CERT TTT program. I also hold a Masters in Homeland Security with a minor in Emergency Management.

Q9

Briefly describe a CERT project that you led or were a major part of and how it benefited your CERT program/community

I established the CERT program for the Nevada Wing of Civil Air Patrol. Yearly training for cadets and Adult leaders to maximize the effect of SAR and emergency training programs for the USAF Aux.

Page 3: Contribution as a NCA Board Member

Q10

Please describe your experience and expertise with Associations and how this will benefit the NCA

I have been a member for several years, but with Covid it has been hard to meet. I am focused on helping the association reach out to new venues and networks like the military, government, and youth programs to spread the word of CERT.

Q11

Briefly describe how your skills, experience, and currently CERT related activities would be beneficial to the NCA and NCA Leadership team:

I am a trained and certified instructor and have taught many types of classes over the span of 13 years. I am at home in front of audiences and have the ability to develop and deliver material related to NCA and its programs and outreach. I have a Masters in Homeland Security and I am a squadron Commander for the Civil Air Patrol in Nevada that routinely provide SAR missions. I am also certified as a SAR Technician and have a direct perspective on Disaster management. I also have over 15 years of management experience, leadership, and mentorship.

Q12

NCA Board Members are required to lead/participate in NCA committees. Please indicate your level of interest in the following current/future NCA committees

CERT Awards Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Committee Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
CERT Volunteer Development and Support Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
Communications Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Credentialing Committee	3 - I am interested in joining this committee but have little experience in this area
Elections Committee	3 - I am interested in joining this committee but have little experience in this area
ID Card Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
International CERT Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
Marketing and Promotion Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
Membership Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
National CERT Conference Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
Newsletter Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Social Media Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Training Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
Youth Preparedness Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area

Q13

What are some projects that you think the NCA should be working on/emphasizing to better support CERT programs and how can you help lead this project?

Youth programs need to be expanded and relatable to the new generation of CERT members. Technological integration and use of social media to assist in CERT efforts. I have done this for Civil Air Patrol and I can do it for CERT. I helped with the revision to the current CERT material when I worked with EMI to review the curriculum. Additionally, military families would be a great target audience for CERT as their military member might be deployed and they are left to fend for themselves. This training is portable and will allow for piece of mind when they are home alone. I have access to local military bases and I am a veteran.

Q14

As a NCA Board of Directors At Large member, you are representing specific CERT stakeholders based on your at large designation. Briefly describe your relationship with these stakeholders, including your communication channel and how you could represent them accurately.

First I am CERT trained, I have taught CERT for four years with hundreds of student graduates, and I have taught the trainers that teach CERT. I have implemented it into Civil Air Patrol and increased the CERT trained personnel from 8% to 20% in three years. I see so many ways to reach out to communities like military families that could benefit as well as other youth programs.

Q15

NCA Leadership candidates are required to have a recommendation from their next in line in the CERT Hierarchy. CERT Volunteers need a recommendation letter from their CERT Program Manager CERT Program Managers need a letter of recommendation from their CERT Sponsoring Agencies CERT Program Managers that are also the Sponsoring Agency Point of Contact need a letter of recommendation from their supervisor State/Territory CERT Coordinators need a letter of recommendation from their supervisor and/or FEMA Region

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Q16

(optional) Please upload any additional letters of recommendations or supporting documents

CDI Letter.pdf (54.6KB)

Q17

(optional) Please upload any additional letters of recommendations or supporting documents

Lipka - Letter of Employment and CERT Quals.pdf (491.1KB)

Q18

(optional) Please upload any additional letters of recommendations or supporting documents

CERT Certificate.pdf (4.9MB)

November 9, 2017

Michaëlle S. Kings
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Dear CDI Coordinator:

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Michael Lipka. It's been my good fortune to know him for the past 9 years through my connection to Varian Medical Systems.

I know Michael Lipka to be a man of high integrity and accountability. He is someone who endlessly plunges into learning opportunities and follows them to their completion. He has always shown a deep sense of responsibility toward civic duty and a sense of community. In my experience, the enthusiasm and passion he has for each endeavor is inspiring. He shares the wealth of his knowledge without hesitation and in such a way both humble and encouraging.

I understand he is being considered for an opportunity to become Character Development Trainer for Cadets in the Civil Air Patrol. Michael Lipka would make an excellent mentor as he is a good listener, gives wise counsel, and encourages those around him to be better people. I hope you give him this opportunity to do exactly that.

You are welcome to contact me by phone at (702) 327-2127 or by email at Michaëlle.Kings@gmail.com should you need to.

Sincerely,



Michaëlle S. Kings



December 12, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to serve as confirmation that Mr. Michael Lipka is employed as a part-time instructor for the City of Las Vegas Office of Emergency Management and is authorized to conduct CERT training coordinated through this office. Michael joined our team on July 30, 2017. His responsibilities include:

- Greet participants and provide vital information of the facility and programs.
- Coordinate set-up and take down of equipment for program and/or special events.
- Prepare curriculum guidelines for proposed classes and administer skills testing and written test as part of the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course.

The CERT course curriculum includes lecture as well as hands-on course instruction including:

- **Disaster Preparedness:** Addresses hazards specific to the community. Materials cover actions that participants and their families take before, during and after a disaster as well as an overview of CERT and local laws governing volunteers.
- **Fire Suppression:** Covers fire chemistry, hazardous materials, fire hazards and fire suppression strategies. However, the thrust of this session is the safe use of fire extinguishers, controlling utilities and extinguishing a small fire.
- **Medical Operations Part I:** Participants practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques.
- **Medical Operations Part II:** Covers evaluating patients by doing a head to toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area and performing basic first aid.
- **Light Search and Rescue Operations:** Participants learn about search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques and rescuer safety.
- **Psychology and Team Organization:** Covers signs and symptoms that might be experienced by the disaster victim and workers, and addresses CERT organization and management.
- **Course Review and Disaster Simulation:** Participants review and practice the skills that they have learned during the previous six sessions in a disaster activity.

Michael is a valuable member of our team and receives consistently positive reviews from course participants. If you have any questions regarding Michael's ability to teach this material, please contact me at (702) 229-0313 or clevering@lasvegasnevada.gov.

Sincerely,



Carolyn M. Levering MEd, CEM
Emergency Manager



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September 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Michael Lipka in support of his application to the National CERT Association to be a Member at Large. I met Michael at the first annual Southern Nevada CERT Full-Scale Exercise in 2018. At the time, I was a firefighter with Las Vegas Fire & Rescue and was assigned to support the transport component of the exercise. This gave me some time to informally observe the CERT instructors as they worked with the CERT volunteers. Michael was friendly, approachable and professional. Several months later I transferred from Las Vegas Fire & Rescue to the city of Las Vegas, Office of Emergency Management. As the Assistant Emergency Manager for the city of Las Vegas, I supervise the Southern Nevada CERT Program, including the Program Coordinator and our CERT Instructor Cadre.

It is from this perspective, as Michael's supervisor, that I make my recommendation. During the time that we have worked together, he has demonstrated a commitment to our program and the philosophy of the Community Emergency Response Team. Michael is a skilled instructor. In part, that is due to his ongoing pursuit of personal and professional development. Most recently, he graduated *summa cum laude* with a master of science in homeland security, emergency and disaster management. He participated in the revision process of the national CERT curriculum and in working with our instructor cadre to make adaptations to meet our regional needs. He has supported the instruction of his Civil Air Patrol cadets with an annual CERT courses. Michael is an advocate for CERT. His thinking is strategic and not limited to our program. I believe that he will make valuable contributions your association if given the opportunity.

This is my personal recommendation; I offer it to you without reservation. I hope that if you have questions you will contact me.

Respectfully,

Bradley Iverson
Assistant Emergency Manager

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM



Certificate of Achievement

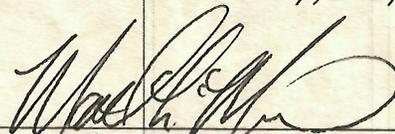
This Certificate of Achievement is to acknowledge that

Michael Lipka

Has affirmed a dedication to emergency readiness and strengthening America's preparedness through completion of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course.

Conducted by
City of Henderson

Presented on June 7, 2017



Mathew L. Morris, Fire Chief