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Page 1: Contact Info

Q1

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

CDI Letter.pdf (54.6KB)

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

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

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

CERT Certificate.pdf (4.9MB)
