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Q1

Contact Info

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Q2

Name of CERT Program you are affiliated with

Mart High School Teen CERT

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Name of Government Agency you are an employee with if applicable

Q4

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

CERT Program Manager,
CERT Volunteer Coordinator,
CERT Basic Instructor,
CERT Volunteer with leadership responsibilities,
CERT Volunteer,
Staff at a CERT Sponsoring Agency,
Other (please specify):
Emergency Management Mart ISD

Q5

Please indicate your region (where you are physically based)

Region VI - Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma

Q6

Eligible candidates for NCA Board of Directors At Large Member - CERT Volunteer Subject Matter Expert, candidates must not be paid for their CERT related activities at the time of candidacy and election. This includes if you are paid to support one CERT program and volunteer to support other CERT programs. Please confirm that you are unpaid for any CERT related activities

I confirm that I currently do not receive any financial compensation for my CERT related activities

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Q7

How many years have you been involved with CERT?

10

Q8

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

**CERT Basic Training Course,
CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
Teen CERT Annex for CERT Train-the-Trainer Course,
CERT Program Manager Course**

Q9

Briefly describe your CERT experience

I have been a CERT instructor for almost 10 years at Mart ISD. We are the most decorated high school CERT in the nation, with many awards, including the NCA Team of the Year and the FEMA National Preparedness Award (Received at the White House). I have taught approximately 1/4 of the school population the CERT curriculum as well as the NREMT curriculum. These students in turn instruct the rest of the students CPR and basic first aid. I have also instructed adult CERT courses, trained volunteer fire fighters, and the staff of our local school district.

Q10

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

Each year I coordinate the See Something, Say Something campaign at the school using our CERT. Local police officers are invited to speak to students, demonstrations are done, and safety is taught to the entire school. We make it a "spirit week" with theme days, costume contests, drawings, assemblies, and a short curriculum each teacher can cover during our leadership time. CERT then comes to each leadership class, teaches bleeding control and CPR, and basic first aid. During this week disaster drills are planned and practiced, completely run by CERT.

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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 highly decorated teacher and CERT instructor with 23 years of experience in education. I have also been in EMS well over 10 years. I have experience in education instruction, foreign language, and emergency medicine. I have served on many committees, chaired committees, and held leadership positions too numerous to count. I work well under pressure and produce results, work well with others, and love serving my community. My education and experience would bring insight and new ideas to the NCA Leadership team.

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	0 - I am not interested in this committee
CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Committee Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
CERT Volunteer Development and Support Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had 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	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Elections Committee	3 - I am interested in joining this committee but have little experience in this area
ID Card Committee	0 - I am not interested in this committee
International CERT Committee	5 - I would be willing to lead this committee but have little experience in this area
Marketing and Promotion Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Membership Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
National CERT Conference Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant 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	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
Youth Preparedness Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had 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 Preparedness projects and getting youth involved. More and more young people do not volunteer--if we want to keep things like CERT, we need to get youth involved so they carry those skills and desire to serve with them. I have 23 years experience with youth.

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.

I work with FEMA, Region 6. We have a wonderful working relationship as a whole and friendships have blossomed as a result. They are so very supportive and we are in constant communication through phone calls, texts, and emails. Due to COVID restrictions, we have not been able to meet in person (FEMA regulations). Because we have such a strong, open line of communication and speak several times a week, I can represent their interests quite easily having worked with them one-on-one in person and via technology.

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

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Q17

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

Q18

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August 30, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Elizabeth Waldie. Mrs. Waldie is a highly esteemed Spanish and CERT Teacher in our district. In fact, Mart ISD CERT would not exist without the passion and hard work of Mrs. Waldie. It is probably not very common that a Spanish teacher take on such a task, but our school was lucky enough to hire a very well rounded and diversely talented employee when we hired Mrs. Waldie. She saw an opportunity to bring CERT to our district and realized the need in a small rural community such as ours. When the local EMT service lost funding, Mrs. Waldie realized that it would take over 30 minutes to get an ambulance in our area. She initiated and organized Mart High School Community Emergency Response Team to help fill the gap if an emergency calls for it. She single handedly trains the students, organizes their participation in EMT ride outs, and volunteers the team for emergency response events as well as community health events. Since its implementation, the team has helped pass out water during a nearby water crisis, participated in community events and fairs, assisted with rapid COVID-19 testing, and is currently campaigning for a district COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Mrs. Waldie and her team are a shining example of what CERT teams are created for and how they should run. Elizabeth Waldie would be an excellent addition to any committee that you see appropriate. She is an excellent leader and there is no better advocate for CERT. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Burnett". The signature is written in a dark purple ink.

Betsy Burnett
Superintendent
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To the NCA Membership Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend my esteemed colleague, Buffy Waldie, who runs the award-winning Mart High School CERT Team in Mart, TX, to serve on the NCA youth preparedness and NCA conference working groups.

Buffy is a valued member of our R6 Community Preparedness Working Group, serves as an advocate/advisor for the R6 Youth Preparedness Council and is a trusted advisor to the FEMA Region 6 Community Preparedness Program. Upon my request, she has graciously given of her time and knowledge to help others start programs similar to hers, as well as help state and local partners with training or youth preparedness camps.

Buffy and her program have helped push Region 6 to the forefront of youth preparedness with her willingness to collaborate and share strategies with likeminded partners. In addition, the Mart HS CERT Team has won NCA, FEMA national and FEMA Region 6 honors for its expeditionary service under Buffy's leadership.

I'm proud to recommend that Buffy be put on NCA Board of Directors.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Bill Bischof

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