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Q1

Contact Info

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Q2

Name of CERT Program you are affiliated with

Mississippi

Q3

Name of Government Agency you are an employee with if applicable

Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

Q4

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

CERT Program Manager,
CERT Basic Instructor,
CERT Volunteer,
Staff for a State or Territory Government Agency,
State or Territory CERT Coordinator

Q5

Please indicate your region (where you are physically based)

Region IV - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,
Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

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Q6

How many years have you been involved with CERT?

14

Q7

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

Q8

Briefly describe your CERT experience

I have been involved at every level. As a volunteer, program manager and as state program manager, I get what CERT is all about.

Q9

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

As a co creator of MyPI, which started in Mississippi and has now gone national, this teen centric program with CERT as it's backbone has better prepared my local community. We also were part of the Covid vaccination team for our county. I also served on the team that did the first revision to the current curriculum. I also oversaw the creation of three videos that we use in Mississippi for Fire safety, Triage and cribbing. However the greatest thing was when Katrina hit and I was Mayor and a CERT member. It was comforting to see our citizens prepared because of what our program had already done. To have citizens say hey were okay, go check on someone else was a moment I will never forget.

Page 3: Contribution as a NCA Board Member

Q10

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

Again working at every level of CERT I have the knowledge and skills to help move the organization forward. As a former elected official (mayor for 20 years) I know how to move around in that arena as well. As a charter member of the NCA and sitting on the board I have more than a working knowledge of our goals.

Q11

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	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Committee Committee	4 - I am interested in joining this committee had have relevant experience in this area
CERT Volunteer Development and Support Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Communications Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Credentialing Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Elections Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
ID Card Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
International CERT Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
Marketing and Promotion Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Membership Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
National CERT Conference Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area
Newsletter Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Social Media Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Training Committee	2 - I will support this committee if needed and relevant experience in this area
Youth Preparedness Committee	6 - I am interested in leading this committee and have relevant experience in this area

Q12

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?

A national CERT month instead of just a week. Teen CERT, if we get them young we have a better chance of keeping them for life.

Q13

As a NCA Regional Representative, you are representing CERT programs in your region. Briefly describe your relationship with CERT programs in your region, including your communication channel and how you could represent them accurately.

Like many regions, not all our states have active programs. However for those that do we communicate well. I have also hosted two regional CERT conferences. I have been to every state in the region so I am more than familiar with what issues they face when it comes to the disasters they deal with.

Q14

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

Todd letter.pdf (410.9KB)

Q15

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

Ryan letter of endorsement.pdf (94.6KB)

Q16

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

Robbie Letter (002).pdf (260.7KB)

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

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



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TATE REEVES, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SEAN J. TINDELL, COMMISSIONER

August 10, 2021

RE: Dave Nichols

Dear National CERT Association:

This letter is to express the opinion that Dave Nichols has been a valuable and integral part of the continued success of the Mississippi Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and his role on the National CERT Association's Board of Directors brings a wealth of expertise that is a benefit to the organization and national CERT goals.

Our office recommends Mr. Nichols for continued presence on the National CERT Association's Board of Directors and views his membership as valuable to the NCA with his in depth knowledge of the CERT curriculum's evolution, intent and plan for future outreach.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Todd Frier
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August 9, 2021

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Dear National CERT Association Board Members and Membership:

I am writing to recommend the renewal of Mr. Dave Nichols' appointment as a member of the Board of Directors for the National CERT Association of which he has previously served as Treasurer. As an Extension professional with a national and international programmatic reach with a very strong connection to CERT, I am happy to do so. I have worked with Dave since 2009 through our work together on the Mississippi Citizen Corps Advisory Council. In 2011, Dave and I laid the groundwork for what would become the four-time, national award-winning youth preparedness/youth leadership program, *MyPI National*, where I serve as the National Project Director and Dave serves as the Lead CERT Instructor for the program. As *MyPI National* Project Director overseeing the development of MyPI programs across the country, I have relied on Dave's strong work ethic, motivation, and infectious personality while delivering MyPI to teens, enhancing community preparedness, and strengthening youth leadership skills, teen empowerment, civic responsibility, and family communication and cohesion. I take great pleasure in writing on behalf of Dave, a true professional committed to community impact through innovative programming and outreach.

Dave represents Mississippi State University, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, and Mississippi Citizen Corps in the highest regard on the local, state, and national levels. When I think of him, the word "impact" immediately comes to mind. Locally, he has impacted leadership and preparedness in his county and state by offering CERT, MyPI, and other preparedness programs countless times. He has presented preparedness programs at virtually every conference association related to citizen preparedness in Mississippi and has presented national programs with me for years. As a CERT instructor, he's dynamic and captivating. While his positive national reputation is noted, I always reflect on the impact made locally with everyday stakeholders. Dave's efforts in preparedness outreach, especially for vulnerable populations, and youth leadership is commendable. His work within MyPI and other preparedness outreach teaches lifelong skillsets and has enabled the development of thousands of emergency supply kits thus far across Mississippi and beyond.

Again, I am happy to endorse Dave for the Board of Directors of the National CERT Association. In terms of productivity and initiative with my youth preparedness and youth leadership programs, he ranks in the top 5-10% of personnel that I work with nationally. Dave represents the CERT program with zest, motivation, and integrity that all stakeholders deserve. He is also an excellent role model for youth, adults, and colleagues alike. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further comments and questions.

All the best,

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SHARI T. VEAZEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 12, 2021

RE: Dave Nichols

Dear National CERT Association:

Please accept this letter as an endorsement from the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) for Dave Nichols to serve on the National CERT Association's Board of Directors. Mr. Nichols is a very valuable part of the Mississippi CERT program and much of its success is due to his leadership. In partnering with him, MML has been able to reach many municipal officials and youth that serve on Mayors' Youth Councils to equip them with the tools they need to better prepare their communities for emergency response.

Mr. Nichols diligently served on the MML Board of Directors for many years when he was a mayor. I am confident that the National CERT Association's Board of Directors will also be well-served by him being a member of the board.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robbie Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robbie Brown
Deputy Director
Mississippi Municipal League