

LCERT Membership Classification and Criteria-Adopted July 14, 2010

The Lowcountry Community Emergency Response Team is made up of members in the Tri-county that respond during unexpected natural disasters or community situations. To remain prepared to assist our communities it is important for Lowcountry CERT members to maintain their skills through active participation and continuing education.

To identify those members who wish to remain active and who may be available to respond the following Lowcountry CERT Membership Criteria was adopted by the LCERT Board, July 14, 2010

There are three classifications of membership:

Active

Inactive

Emeritus

An **active member** will complete the CERT class and will provide 12 hours of service to the organization between January and December of the year following their initial CERT class. The active member will provide 12 hours of service every year thereafter and complete 4 hours of continuing education.

If a member does not complete the above requirements within two years of initial CERT class completion, that person will be listed as CERT trained but inactive.

This service can include:

- Participate in local neighborhood, team activities, meetings, events, and training
- Attend community educational events
- Attend the LCERT Annual Meeting
- Participate in LCERT drills, training events, support CERT class final exam activities
- Inform the general public (neighborhoods, churches) about LCERT membership
- Participate on LCERT Committees
- Participate in quarterly in-service opportunities

After the first year, the **active LCERT member** will provide 12 hours of service to the organization and will complete at least 4 hours of continuing education credits. The classes eligible include ALL the FEMA on line courses, and can include other classes listed on the LCERT website.

The Continuing Education credits must be approved by the LCERT Board of Directors. If a member wishes to attend a class that is not listed on the website, he (she) must submit the request to the Board for approval. **Classes eligible are any course that addresses: Emergency Preparedness, Response, Recovery or Safety.**

If a member is unable to participate because of illness or other circumstances, the LCERT Board can extend active membership as needed. The Board can also endorse a leave of absence if necessary. The Board can review and reactivate members if requested.

Emeritus Member:

An active member can be considered eligible for Emeritus status if he (she) fulfills the yearly requirements to qualify as active, and has provided at least 500 hours of volunteer service to the organization.

Recording of Volunteer Hours:

A timekeeper designated by the Membership Committee will be responsible for tabulating volunteer hours and CE training units. Tracking will be conducted on a calendar year basis (January- December). The Membership Committee is responsible for selecting the Volunteer of the Year and will use the member logs to make that selection.

The Volunteer log sheet resides on the LCERT website Members Page at www.lcert.org/forms.htm you must download the sheet before you fill it in. Directions for forwarding the logs will be made available on the website and will be sent to all members. Hard copy of the sheets will also be available.

LCERT members are responsible for updating the Membership Committee quarterly for all hours of volunteer service completed on activities and for continuing education credits. These activities may include special events or training activities approved by the Board.

Committee Members:

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