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Ensuring a safe and secure homeland for all North Dakotans

North Dakota Citizen Corps and the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services have enacted a policy aimed at protecting vulnerable populations involved with or served by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Beginning immediately, all new CERT team coordinators, Lead or Unit instructors, and volunteers 18 years of age and older will undergo background checks, in accordance with the North Dakota Citizens Corps program guidelines. Persons who have been convicted of a felony offense or a crime of violence or the threat of violence will not be accepted as volunteer CERT members.

Please sign the enclosed form authorizing the ND Department of Emergency Services to complete a criminal background check. Return of this signed form is required to remain as an active CERT volunteer. Those not returning the signed form will be dropped from their local CERT rosters and Workers Compensation coverage will cease.

North Dakota Citizen Corps and the CERT program thanks you for your cooperation in this matter and your willingness to help your community as a CERT volunteer. If you have any questions regarding the background check or the CERT program, please contact the North Dakota Citizens Corps point of contact at 1-800-773-3259.

I hereby authorize the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services to complete a criminal background check on my behalf. I understand that if I have been convicted of a felony offense or a crime of violence or the threat of violence, I will not be accepted as an instructor, coordinator, or a volunteer CERT member.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date: _____