



York County
Department of Fire & Life Safety
Memorandum of Understanding

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM



I, _____, request to participate in York County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program as a volunteer member. I understand that this training will be provided to me by York County's Department of Fire and Life Safety - to help me prepare and function more effectively prior to, during, and after a significant event, incident, disaster, large-scale emergency, and/or certain non-emergency situations. I recognize that the training and activities that I may perform as part of the CERT program will involve physical activity and may cause me physical and/or emotional discomfort. I am free from any known physical or mental health conditions that could prevent me from participating in the training, or program activities.

I understand that participation in the CERT program may carry a risk of personal injury. I further understand that there are natural and manmade hazards, environmental conditions, diseases, and other risks, which alone, or in combination with my actions, may cause me harm, injury, and/or illness to me. My participation in the CERT program is voluntary. I hereby agree to assume all risks that may be associated with, or may result from, my participation in the program. I hereby waive any and all claims, causes of actions, and demands against York County, its agents, officers, and employees for any personal harm, illness, injury, and/or property damage arising from my participation in the CERT Program.

The first goal of the York County CERT program, the promotion of emergency preparedness at the individual, family, and neighborhood levels, is the program's foundation. Accordingly, York County CERT members, and recognized neighborhood teams within York County, shall not self-deploy to any

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incident (which includes: disaster, emergency, event and/or training) outside of York County, their respective neighborhood/primary fire station response area or to incidents for which Fire and Life Safety resources have been dispatched to and/or are on scene except as trained and as authorized/directed by the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety/Office of Emergency Management and associated operating procedures if/as applicable.

The York County CERT Program provides general and basic information and skills to enable citizens to help themselves, their family members, and neighbors in an emergency or disaster (when emergency services are delayed or unavailable). The program does not provide the knowledge, skills, and abilities of a professional first responder. Accordingly, CERT members will not activate or respond to emergencies on their own (see previous paragraph). My signature on this document further signifies that I will respect and abide by the rules and regulations of the York County CERT program.

I give my permission for videos and photographs to be taken of me. I understand these will only be used in official York County publications, including: the York County Government Cable Channel, York County Internet website, publications, displays, and presentations.

I understand that I do not become a York County employee through my affiliation with, or participation in, the CERT program.

PRINT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____