



LEVY COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
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**LEVY COUNTY  
C.E.R.T.  
(Community Emergency Response Team)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

ALL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

APPLICANT MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

MUST BE A RESIDENT OF LEVY COUNTY

NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please give actual physical address)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_ Beeper: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female Race \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security#: \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License#: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE: 352-486-5213 \* FAX: 352-486-5152**

Have you ever been arrested? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently under a doctor's care? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any skills you have which might be useful during emergency conditions: (For example, foreign languages, medical training, special machinery operator, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Sheriff's Department use only: ID No. Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**ONLY ONE CLASS CAN BE MISSED**  
**YOU MUST ATTEND THE PRACTICE DISASTER**

**RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND  
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

THIS RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT,  
is voluntarily given and executed by \_\_\_\_\_.

(Your Name)

in consideration of Levy County Emergency Management providing "Community Emergency  
Response Team" (C.E.R.T.) training.

in return, " \_\_\_\_\_ "

(Your Name)

hereby release, agrees and Promises to hold harmless and indemnify Levy County Emergency Management and it's  
officers, employees, agents or servants, from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, fines,  
penalties, expenses, fees, suits, proceeding, actions, and cost of actions including attorney's fees for trial and/or  
appeal, of any kind or nature arising or growing out of or in any way connected directly or indirectly, with any act of  
omission of Levy County and it's officers, employees, agents or servants, or as a result of the C.E.R.T. training as  
stated above.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_,

in the year \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

## LEGAL STATUS OF C.E.R.T. PARTICIPANTS

During the C.E.R.T. training itself and thereafter (when, on a self-initiated basis, putting the training into practice during an emergency) participants are deemed to be "volunteers" and not employees of Levy County Emergency Management.

As such, volunteers are not entitled to any of the privileges, immunities or insurance coverage afforded of Levy County Emergency Management. That is, volunteers are not covered by or under the City's Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, hospital/medical or liability coverage's.

However, volunteers have certain immunity from civil liability under *Florida Good Samaritan Act* (See Attached Fla. Stat. 768.13) if they gratuitously and under good faith render emergency care or treatment.

Further, if such volunteers are "called out" by Levy County Emergency Management and are requested by the county to provide emergency services, then such volunteers are additionally protected against civil liability under the *Florida Volunteer Protection Act* (See Attached Fla. Stat. 768.1355) if they are acting within the scope of official duties during such volunteer services.

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I understand by completing this course I will learn certain basic skills that are intended to help me render assistance to others, (only in disaster situations) when I deem it safe and necessary for me to do so. I am under no obligation, by virtue of having received this training, to render aid or become involved in any activities that would make me feel uncomfortable or have the potential to cause me physical or emotional injury.

I recognize the fact that I will receive a Certificate of Compliance only upon attending all eight (8) modules of this course.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of and reading the above statement entitled " Legal Status of C.E.R.T. Participants", and have executed the "Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement".

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

768.13 Good Samaritan Act; immunity from civil liability.--

(1) This act shall be known and cited as the "Good Samaritan Act."

(2)(a) Any person, including those licensed to practice medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment either in direct response to emergency situations related to and arising out of a public health emergency declared pursuant to s. 381.00315, a state of emergency which has been declared pursuant to s. 252.36 or at the scene of an emergency outside of a hospital, doctor's office, or other place having proper medical equipment, without objection of the injured victim or victims thereof, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

(b)1. Any health care provider, including a hospital licensed under chapter 395, providing emergency services pursuant to obligations imposed by 42 U.S.C. s. 1395dd, s. 395.1041, s. 395.401, or s. 401.45 shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such medical care or treatment unless such damages result from providing, or failing to provide, medical care or treatment under circumstances demonstrating a reckless disregard for the consequences so as to affect the life or health of another.

2. The immunity provided by this paragraph applies to damages as a result of any act or omission of providing medical care or treatment, including diagnosis:

a. Which occurs prior to the time the patient is stabilized and is capable of receiving medical treatment as a nonemergency patient, unless surgery is required as a result of the emergency within a reasonable time after the patient is stabilized, in which case the immunity provided by this paragraph applies to any act or omission of providing medical care or treatment which occurs prior to the stabilization of the patient following the surgery.

b. Which is related to the original medical emergency.

3. For purposes of this paragraph, "reckless disregard" as it applies to a given health care provider rendering emergency medical services shall be such conduct that a health care provider knew or should have known, at the time such services were rendered, created an unreasonable risk of injury so as to affect the life or health of another, and such risk was substantially greater than that which is necessary to make the conduct negligent.

4. Every emergency care facility granted immunity under this paragraph shall accept and treat all emergency care patients within the operational capacity of such facility without regard to ability to pay, including patients transferred from another emergency care facility or other health care provider pursuant to Pub. L. No. 99-272, s. 9121. The failure of an emergency care facility to comply with this subparagraph constitutes grounds for the department to initiate disciplinary action against the facility pursuant to chapter 395.

(c)1. Any health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001(4) who is in a hospital attending to a patient of his or her practice or for business or personal reasons unrelated to direct patient care, and who voluntarily responds to provide care or treatment to a patient with whom at that time the practitioner does not have a then-existing health care patient-practitioner relationship, and when such care or treatment is necessitated by a sudden or unexpected situation or by an occurrence that demands immediate medical attention, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission relative to that care or treatment, unless that care or treatment is proven to amount to conduct that is willful and wanton and would likely result in injury so as to affect the life or health of another.

2. The immunity provided by this paragraph does not apply to damages as a result of any act or omission of providing medical care or treatment unrelated to the original situation that demanded immediate medical attention.

3. For purposes of this paragraph, the Legislature's intent is to encourage health care practitioners to provide necessary emergency care to all persons without fear of litigation as described in this paragraph.

(3) Any person, including those licensed to practice veterinary medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment to an injured animal at the scene of an emergency on or adjacent to a roadway shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

768.1355 Florida Volunteer Protection Act.--

(1) Any person who volunteers to perform any service for any nonprofit organization, including an officer or director of such organization, without compensation, except reimbursement for actual expenses, shall be considered an agent of such nonprofit organization when acting within the scope of any official duties performed under such volunteer services. Such person shall incur no civil liability for any act or omission by such person which results in personal injury or property damage if:

(a) Such person was acting in good faith within the scope of any official duties performed under such volunteer service and such person was acting as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances; and

(b) The injury or damage was not caused by any wanton or willful misconduct on the part of such person in the performance of such duties.

1. For purposes of this act, the term "nonprofit organization" means any organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 501, or any federal, state, or local governmental entity.

2. For purposes of this act, the term "compensation" does not include a stipend as provided by the Domestic Service Volunteer Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. No. 93-113), or other financial assistance, valued at less than two-thirds of the federal hourly minimum wage standard, paid to a person who would otherwise be financially unable to provide the volunteer service.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, if a volunteer is determined to be not liable pursuant to subsection (1), the nonprofit organization for which the volunteer was performing services when the damages were caused shall be liable for such damages to the same extent as the nonprofit organization would have been liable if the liability limitation pursuant to subsection (1) had not been provided.

(3) Members of elected or appointed boards, councils, and commissions of the state, counties, municipalities, authorities, and special districts shall incur no civil liability and shall have immunity from suit as provided in s. 768.28 for acts or omissions by members relating to members' conduct of their official duties. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage our best and brightest people to serve on elected and appointed boards, councils, and commissions.

(4) This section may be cited as the "Florida Volunteer Protection Act."