



**CITY OF ASHLAND  
ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

**Volunteer Participation Waiver**

The volunteer signing below acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- 1.) The City of Ashland, by and through its Fire & Rescue Department, has organized a program for the training of volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The CERT training program is a cooperative activity in which all volunteers must work together to help make the program safe and successful. The program involves instruction in the areas of fire suppression, utility control, first aid, search and rescue techniques, and procedures in organizing emergency response teams to aid and assist Ashland Fire & Rescue in times of crisis.
- 2.) The training program may take place in both indoor and outdoor settings. The training is accomplished primarily in a classroom setting, although exercises and some training in the use of fire equipment may take place outdoors. The training program involves some physical activity, including carrying equipment and persons and training with fire extinguishing equipment. Team members will not intentionally be exposed to fire or other dangerous situations during their training.
- 3.) While participating in CERT training, volunteers may face dangers from fire equipment malfunction or misuse; being injured by other volunteers and participants during an event; variable weather conditions; irregular and natural terrain and simulated emergency conditions.
- 4.) Volunteers have the absolute right to choose not to do any activity, although they will be encouraged by instructors, team leaders and other volunteers and participants to attempt or complete the activities. Volunteer represents that volunteer is healthy, reasonably fit and has no physical limitation or health condition that would limit volunteer's participation in the training or program or would be a risk to volunteer or others in the program.
- 5.) Ashland Fire & Rescue personnel, instructors and assistants will do their best to help make this a positive experience that will emphasize teamwork, cooperation, and community service in overcoming difficult emergency situations and will provide volunteers with the opportunity to learn more about how their efforts can help aid and protect lives and property in times of disaster or other emergencies.

THE VOLUNTEER SIGNING BELOW FULLY REALIZES THE DANGERS AND RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE. DESPITE THESE POTENTIAL DANGERS AND RISKS, VOLUNTEER ASSUMES ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PARTICIPATION.

In consideration for the acceptance of the volunteer's application for participation in the CERT training program, THE VOLUNTEER RELEASES FOR THE VOLUNTEER, THE VOLUNTEER'S HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE AND THEIR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS, FROM ALL CLAIMS OR INJURIES SUSTAINED TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE CERT PROGRAM OR TRAINING AND AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE CITY, ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE, THEIR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, COSTS AND DAMAGES RESULTING FROM INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OF WHATSOEVER NATURE ARISING OUT OF OR INCIDENT TO THE CERT PROGRAM. THIS RELEASE IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO THE ENTITIES AND PERSONS DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT EVEN THOUGH LIABILITY MAY ARISE OUT OF NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF THE PERSONS OR ENTITIES RELEASED.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND CITY OF ASHLAND AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

**Signature of Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If volunteer is under age of 18, parent or legal guardian must also sign:*

**Signature of parent or legal guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_