

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

Code of Professional Conduct

Introduction:

The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and advancing the professionalism of emergency management and disaster preparedness in Louisiana. LEPA is sponsoring the Louisiana Emergency Manager (LEM) Certification Program in order to document and strengthen the professionalism of Louisiana's emergency managers.

The Purpose of the Code:

The Code of Professional Conduct must be embraced and upheld by all individuals who are awarded the LEM certification. The candidate's promise to uphold the Code signifies the assumption that the certified Louisiana Emergency Manager will act prudently and responsibly beyond the requirements of law and codes.

Enforcement of the Code:

The LEPA Certification Committee will enforce the Code by receiving and investigating all complaints of violations and by taking the necessary action, as appropriate, including but not limited to the revocation of an individual's LEM certification.

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The Code embodies the LEM certification program philosophy and objectives. Each LEM promises to:

- ❑ Accept and dutifully carry out all associated responsibilities incumbent upon their position of public trust;
- ❑ Serve the public with integrity and honesty in all matters;
- ❑ Promote public awareness toward and understanding of emergency preparedness and public protection;
- ❑ Foster excellence in emergency management by keeping abreast of pertinent issues;
- ❑ Enhance individual performance through continuing education and applied technology;
- ❑ Avoid conflict of interests resulting in personal gain or advantage or the perception thereof;
- ❑ Conserve and protect resources through effective use of funds, accurate assessment of potential hazards, and timely decision-making;
- ❑ Maintain confidentiality of privileged information; and
- ❑ Share my work product with other LEM recipients in order to expand the collective capability of the profession.

**LEM (Basic, Pro and Technical) and LEM Recertification
Application Cover Sheet &
Code of Professional Conduct Pledge**

Please type all of your responses.

1. Name: _____
2. Jurisdiction: _____
3. Current Position / Title: _____
4. Years in Current Position / Title: _____
5. Years in Emergency Management: _____
6. Telephone: _____
7. Email Address: _____

Please read the following pledge carefully and then sign and date the bottom of this sheet.

I understand that recertification is subject to the LEPA Certification Committee's approval, and if granted, is current for a **five-year period**. I will execute the necessary documents and supply any additional information as determined by LEPA. I further understand and, by my signature, I subscribe to the LEPA Code of Professional Conduct with the knowledge that any false statement or misrepresentation I make in the course of these proceedings may result in the revocation of this application and the issuance of a complaint of violation.

Re-certification option will be available for another five-year period following submission of continuing education or an exam alternative. A notice will be sent prior to the expiration of the LEM certification instructing member with provisions for re-certification.

I give permission for the verification of any information contained in this package.

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____