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The Kansas Emergency Management Association's Standards and Practices Committee Proposed the creation of a Lifetime Kansas Certified Emergency Manager designation, which has been approved by action of the KEMA Board on November 8, 2017.

Introduction

The Lifetime KCEM designation is an honor bestowed by the KEMA Board of Directors. This designation recognizes the candidate is retired as a full time emergency management practitioner and has been, and is qualified to uphold the standards and practices of the KCEM program.

Lifetime KCEM Qualifications

The candidate must be a current KCEM at the time of application and recertified at least once prior to becoming eligible for the Lifetime designation.

The candidate must be retired from full-time service as an employee in the field of emergency management and remain retired.

“Retired from emergency management” for the purpose of this designation means less than 500 hours of employment, self-employment, or principal in a consulting firm in a one calendar year period.

Exception to the 500 hours of employment is during a recall to service in emergency management to assist in the response and recovery of a disaster that has been designated by the president, governor, or chair of a county commission.

Should a Lifetime KCEM desire to change their status back to a regular KCEM, they must continue to maintain the normal recertification process in place at the time they revert back to regular status, with no time charged for the duration of their Lifetime status.

Any training obtained during the period of Lifetime KCEM may be used in the recertification process but is subject to review as with any candidate. The candidate who wishes to revert back to regular KCEM status must send a Letter of Intent to the Recertification Chair.

Application Procedures

The candidate must complete an application letter (including the retirement date), and shall include a narrative stating the achievements in the field of emergency management. One letter of recommendation from a current KCEM shall

be submitted with the application, stating the achievements deserving of this honor. The application letter with narrative, and letter of recommendation shall be submitted to the KCEM Recertification Chair.

Approval Process

Once the KCEM Recertification Chair has received the application letter and narrative from the candidate, plus the written, signed recommendation letter from a current KCEM, the application will be reviewed by the Standards and Practices Committee during their next scheduled meeting, or through an on-line process. If the Committee accepts the lifetime nomination, the recommendation will be forwarded to the KEMA Board of Directors for their review and approval. The President of KEMA will arrange for consideration of the application, at the next regularly scheduled KEMA Board meeting.

A simple majority vote of the Standards and Practices Committee and the KEMA Board shall be required to approve.

Award of the Lifetime KCEM

The candidate will be awarded their Lifetime KCEM after the minutes from the KEMA Board of Directors meeting, stating acceptance of the candidate's Lifetime nomination, have been approved and received by the Recertification Chair.

Notification and Announcement of award

The Recertification Chair will notify the applicant of the approved designation, and send the applicant credentials to include the Lifetime KCEM designation. An announcement of the award shall be included in the KCEM portion of the annual KEMA Conference Awards Banquet.

Maintenance of the Lifetime KCEM status

To maintain the Lifetime KCEM status, the individual shall submit a request for renewal, including updated contact information, on a bi-annual basis. Failure to complete the request for renewal may jeopardize the Lifetime KCEM designation. The Lifetime KCEM must continue to adhere to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct. Those standards include Professionalism and Integrity. They should continue to: keep informed of pertinent issues; maintain knowledge through continuing education and technology; maintain confidentiality of privileged information; and promote public awareness of emergency management. They must also maintain their status as a KEMA member in good standing, and uphold the aims, objectives, and Bylaws of the organization. The designation of Lifetime KCEM may be rescinded by the KEMA Board of Directors for due cause.