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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Criminal History Background Checks

At a recent South Central Task Force Executive Meeting a decision was made to have Criminal Background Checks on all volunteers within each of the eight (8) counties. Individuals from each county have the potential to sit on specific sub-committees within the Task Force. An example is the RACES Work Group. Individuals from this group will potentially be going to other counties to assist during times of emergency. In order to have consistency and security within the system background checks need to be completed. It was also decided at this meeting that the Task Force would follow the guidelines of the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Network for requirements. These requirements for clearance are as follows:

Any individual who has a conviction, or is under indictment, for any felony, misdeameanor 1, or any computer crime, or has a conviction for any misdemeanor for which the requestor was incarcerated within the last 10 years, or conviction of any two misdemeanors within the last 10 years, shall not be eligible to volunteer within our organization. Misdemeanor 1, and felony as used in this section refers to any misdemeanor, misdemeanor 1, and felony under the laws of Pennsylvania, or the equivalent penalties as provided by the laws of any other state, territory, or under federal law.

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