



## Association of Campus Emergency Response Teams

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### Re: Annual Update and NCCER 2019

With the 2018-2019 school year well underway, ACERT is working hard with their members to help campus response teams prepare for another year of response. We have a lot of exciting news and increasing ambitions for improving campus emergency response across Canada. I would like to formally introduce our ACERT executive committee members for 2018-19, which includes myself (Ryan Sandarage, UOSERT) as President, Chris Callaghan (Guelph FRT) as VP – Finance, April Liu (EFRT) as VP - Communications and our board of directors: William Stewart (SERT), Peter Gariscak (SERT), Emily Margetson (TUEFRT), Jessica Asztalos (SERT). On behalf of the executive committee, we are all excited to be working with your response team in the coming weeks and months.

Firstly, we would like to remind full-members to pay their dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$100 for full members. Associate members do not pay dues, but they must fill out the associate members' application and their application will be judged on a case-by-case basis. Associate membership is intended for teams starting their operations. Effective this year, associate members have two years to reach full-member status. **Teams that do not have membership status will not be allowed to participate in ACERT conferences or receive supplier discounts.**

**Please make sure to fill out the following Google Forms, so we have up-to-date statistics and records of our teams!**

#### ***2018-2019 ACERT Contact Information Update***

<https://goo.gl/forms/8XPtyuFo1MB7aVdn2>

#### ***Team Questionnaire***

<https://goo.gl/forms/f6LhAo9mP5ZcBLEj2>

***Associate Member Application (if you are a full ACERT member, please don't complete this form!)***

<https://goo.gl/forms/rmXJOcV1yclJZNEj1>

We would also like to once again announce that NCCER 2019 will be hosted in the Montreal, Quebec by the McGill Student Emergency Response Team from March 8-10<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to mark

the date on your calendar and be prepared for an awesome time! Follow the event page on Facebook along with MSERT and ACERT's social media for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/473661389796997/>

This year we are pursuing several initiatives and trying to assist new teams start up across the country including at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver Campus), Niagara College, and Lakehead University along with expanding operations of existing teams. Being part of such a large network of teams at ACERT also teams to elevate each other to new heights with experience teams serving as an example for new teams, which is something I remembered when UOSERT was expanding its operations. Liasoning with teams allows for growth of new teams and pre-existing teams.

One project that we would like to pilot an online open forum for responders to discuss issues and news. We have thought of using something such as Slack or other team collaboration services. We ask that teams provide input and ideas on how they think this can be achieved. Furthermore, we are seeking to develop a database to facilitate document sharing of call reports, medical directives, and protocols for executive members of our response teams. The document sharing would like to implement would allow teams to use examples set out by well-established teams to improve campus response across Canada. We also recognize the hesitation of teams of sharing documents specifically those involving medical directives, which is why we would like to have a private online platform that only executive members from response teams could access. We would like to hear from teams about their thoughts on these ideas. We don't want personal protected health information shared, just the blank reports. Please fill out the survey to help us facilitate these initiatives.

Continuing the theme of inter-team relations, we would like to invite teams to submit photos and a caption about your team, which will be posted on the ACERT social media. By showcasing teams across the country, we hope to build a large community of campus first responders. If there are enough submissions, we may run a contest for the best photo and caption. (Shameless plug once again– like, follow subscribe to social media – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!)

### ***Team of the Week Submission***

<https://goo.gl/forms/NLRzNdiytcmxUIfy2>

### ***Social Media Links***

<https://www.facebook.com/ACERTCANADA/>

<https://twitter.com/ACERTBOD>

<https://www.instagram.com/acert96/>

### ***ACERT Member Discounts***

We are also pleased to announce that we have secured discounts from equipment suppliers SANDS and Hard and Fast CPR. FERNO and SANDS are offering 10% discounts on most items purchased directly, and Hard and FAST CPR is offering free shipping on orders over \$500. To get these discounts please fill out the surveys so that the suppliers can match details about ACERT members to their orders. If you have questions or are interested in obtaining these discounts, please feel free to reach out to ACERT. Also, for the sake of transparency we also reached out to other suppliers that our members utilize such as Allied Medical, however, we were unable to obtain any discounts at this time. I continue to push for discounts for our members, and by engaging in discussions at a national level I believe we can be successful.

ACERT advocates, supports, and promotes Canadian campus emergency response teams. Working in the fast-growing field of emergency care in Canada, where new campus emergency response teams are developing in every region at a rapid pace, ACERT currently represents 26 university and college response teams. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email. I am always open to new ideas and fostering better partnerships across Canada. I am looking forward to meeting you all at NCCER 2019!

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