



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE
POLICY AND PROGRAMS

July 29, 2013

Dear Notifier,

As you know, in the State of South Carolina, you are required to complete **2 hours** of mandated training **annually** to maintain your certification as a Notifier. In order to ensure that this requirement is being met, the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification (OVSEC) is going to implement the following policy as it relates to certification compliance.

Beginning on January 1, 2014, for each Notifier that has not completed the required 2 hours of annual training by December 31, 2013, the following will occur:

- The Notifier's certification will expire and be suspended until that Notifier obtains the required 2 hour training.
- The name of the Notifier and the Notifier's agency will be published on a non-compliance list. This list will be posted to the OVSEC website (<http://www.oepsc.gov/ovsec/>) and the Victim Service Coordinating Council's (VSCC) website (www.oepsc.gov/vscc).

Since Notifiers are considered a subset of Victim Service Providers, a list of the Notifiers who have not complied with the certification requirements will be submitted to the State Office of Victim Assistance's Auditing Department by February 28, 2014. If funds are used for the Notifier's salary and/or trainings, the agency will be required by the Auditing Department to discontinue usage of those funds until the Notifier has complied with certification. ***Pursuant to proviso 89.61, the State Office of Victim Assistance is authorized to conduct audits and programmatic reviews on any entity or***

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non-profit organization who receives crime victim assistance fines, fees and assessment funds that have been ***generated through court. Per S.C. Code Section 16-3-1620(D)(1), the VSP/Notifier employed in any of these organizations must be registered with and certified by OVSEC.***

If you have any questions about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Sims at (803)734-0925 or lsims@oepp.sc.gov or myself at (803)734-5228 or dcurtis@oepp.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Curtis', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Debbie Depra Curtis
Crime Victims' Ombudsman