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CHMM[®] Code of Ethics

1. A CHMM's primary responsibility is to protect public safety and the environment.

The interests of clients and employers must be secondary to protecting public safety and the environment. All actions taken on behalf of a client or employer must be consistent with this primary responsibility.

2. A CHMM shall act with integrity in any relationship that involves an employer or client.

A CHMM has an obligation to disclose fully to an affected employer or client any conflicts of interest resulting from business affiliations or personal interests, and to maintain the security and confidentiality of an employer's or a client's confidential information.

3. A CHMM shall function only within his or her area of competence.

A CHMM is expected to judge objectively his or her own level of competence, and not to function beyond that level. When a CHMM is required by a client, employer or circumstances to function outside of his or her area of competence, the CHMM must be prepared to bring in qualified expertise to supplement his or her own or, if that is not possible, the CHMM must decline the task and suggest the client or employer find someone else who is qualified.

4. A CHMM shall behave with professional decorum and restraint, and shall not exhibit conduct that brings discredit on the CHMM Program.

The CHMM is a professional and must conduct himself or herself accordingly. A CHMM shall not criticize indiscriminately and without foundation another professional or individual. A CHMM must approach other individuals with the requisite professional balance of knowledge, skill and experience and must provide sound, balanced professional advisement as to the qualifications and qualities of others.

5. A CHMM shall participate in continuing education and professional development opportunities, share professionally pertinent information with the professional community and the public, disseminate acquired knowledge and skill to others, and uphold the ethical precepts of the profession. A CHMM should also seek opportunities to be active in civic affairs and to promote the profession.

I understand that violating the Code of Ethics could lead to revocation of my CHMM certification. I also understand that if my certification lapses or is revoked for any reason, I will no longer be authorized to use the CHMM designation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____