Provided below are criminal history disqualifiers that are used by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) when conducting background checks for individuals requesting enrollment in the State of Texas RACES Program.

A copy of this document signed and acknowledged by the applicant is required to be attached to the RACES application when submitted to TDEM for processing.

When it is determined that an applicant fits into any one of the below listed categories, the applicant will not be eligible to serve as a volunteer representing the Texas Department of Public Safety's Texas Division of Emergency Management RACES Program. The applicant will be rejected at once for factors including, but not limited to, the following:

a. A conviction for an offense of the grade of felony or Class A misdemeanor.

b. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for a felony, until five years after court supervision ceased and the case was dismissed.

c. A conviction of driving while intoxicated during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application.

d. A finding by the court of competent jurisdiction that the applicant was a delinquent child during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application. If the applicant’s record in the proceeding is ordered sealed, the incident should be disregarded and treated as though it did not exist.

e. The applicant’s driver license has been suspended, including a probated suspension, by the Department during the last three years as a habitual violator.

f. The applicant’s driver license has been suspended for refusal to submit to a chemical test within the last ten years.

g. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for any criminal offense of the grade of felony or Class A misdemeanor.

h. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for any criminal offense of the grade of Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.

i. A conviction of an offense of the grade of a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.

j. A conviction for a family violence offense.

k. Currently being under indictment for any criminal offense.

Applicant's Signature: ____________________________________________

Applicant's Printed Name: _________________________________________

Date Signed: ___________________