

# Constitutional Rights Enforcement & Support Team.

## Interim National Council Charter and Local Chapter Bylaws.

This interim charter will remain in effect for the C.R.E.S.T. until the first National Council ratifies the final charter draft. This interim charter may not be altered or amended after July 3rd, 2004 . This charter becomes effective on July 4th, 2004 in memory of and dedication to our nation's forefathers who pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor and to all those who have fought, suffered and died for our independence, our liberty and our rights.  
Long live the United States of America and may their banners and Old Glory forever wave.



## The C.R.E.S.T.

**Peace and Freedom is built on a foundation of strength**  
**Preparedness - Esprit De Corps - Patriotism**  
"Constitutional Rights Enforcement & Support Team  
will be referred to as the "C.R.E.S.T." in this Charter.

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**PREAMBLE:**

To answer our nation's many security issues and internal threats to the United States Constitution, we institute the C.R.E.S.T. National Charter system. Our members are skillfully organized in commitment to the security of self, family and community. Tracing our security tradition to the earliest English colonies in North America, our organization is oldest and most basic citizen defense institution of the United States.

**Our Mission:** To unite for the defense, restoration and preservation of the Constitution for the United States of America and its inseparable Bill of Rights; to unite American Patriots and to insure that the usurpers of our Constitution respect our natural, inalienable, inherent and God given rights, which are also guaranteed to us by the Constitution for the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

**Our Creed:**

The C.R.E.S.T. is not a single organization but rather an alliance of independent entities united under this single unifying charter. Each local C.R.E.S.T. County Council sends a representative to their respective State Council. Each State Council is represented at the C.R.E.S.T. National Council for the purpose of jointly coordinating our efforts nationwide.

The C.R.E.S.T. exists to assist fellow members if his or her constitutional rights are violated by any government power, agency or court. We will use our combined resources in defense of our members. We will never abandon our fellow members facing tyranny and our presence will always be felt while injustice persists.

We reaffirm our faith in the purpose and principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution for the United States and express our desire to live in peace with all peoples and governments.

We are determined to safeguard the freedom and common heritage founded under the principles of republican government, individual liberty, personal responsibility, the rule

of law and our unalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator. We naturally oppose those that are hostile toward these principles.

We endeavor to provide an organized means of citizen based security for our communities and to prepare for all possible threats including terrorism, criminal activities, and internal subversion of the United States Constitution and even armed invasions of the United States.

We regard firearm skill and safety as an essential cornerstone of our organization. We train at regular intervals to maintain a highly organized and skilled membership. The armed citizen was essential to the founding of our nation and we proudly continue this revered American tradition. Armed citizens are the last line of defense for our nation and the first line of defense for our individual families and communities.

We are dedicated to the freedom and patriotism on which our nation was founded. We steadfastly defend the Constitution of the United States and its inseparable the Bill of Rights. By protecting these laws the chains of oppression have been forever broken.

To defend Constitution of the United States we will never use force until every peaceful option to redress our grievances are completely exhausted. We will never make a call to arms except for the purpose of self-defense against a mortal enemy either foreign or domestic. We will always consider those that wish to disarm the America People our mortal enemies. Nobody concerned about our life, liberty or happiness would want to disarm us and such agendas explicitly violate the highest law of the land.

Should any government power within the United States decree citizen disarmament this will be considered an act of war on the American people. We maintain an emergency organization system that can transform our alliance into a citizen defense militia capable of responding to this and other threats facing our nation.

All C.R.E.S.T. members maintain a strict code of silence and this is our highest law. If arrested for any reason we demand our attorney is present during any and all questioning by authorities and we never compromise on this stance.

Our motto: United we stand, divided we fall.

## **CHAPTER I: Principles and Organization:**

**1.1.0** All participating C.R.E.S.T. organizations and individual members achieve unity in function and purpose by agreement with this charter. All those that intend to be C.R.E.S.T. members should fully understand this charter system.

**1.1.1 In the same Spirit and intent of the United States Constitution each Local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is democratically constructed with all organizational powers vested in our membership.** Becoming a "**Member Organization**" is achieved by adopting and adhering to this charter. Organizations are not required to incorporate but

may do so if beneficial.

**1.1.2 This charter may be modified as needed by each Chapter to comply with state or local laws. However, such alterations may not in any way violate the spirit, purpose or intent of the C.R.E.S.T.**

**1.1.3** All C.R.E.S.T. organizations adopting this charter are independent organizations. Each independent organization is a member of a single charter community. All C.R.E.S.T. chapters within a single county or district work together and must form a county/district council coordinating all local organizations together. In turn each county or district council is to create and be represented at the State Council level. A State Council in turn is represented at the National Council level. (See section 9.4)

**1.1.4** All organizations adopting this charter will be named "Constitutional Rights Enforcement & Support Team" For Example: "Constitutional Rights Enforcement & Support Team of Culver City, California." Optionally, an organization mascot name may be added.

**1.1.5** All organizations that adopt this charter are responsible to maintain the universal integrity and purpose of the C.R.E.S.T.

**1.1.6** An organization may be chartered with a minimum of four founding members. Every C.R.E.S.T. chapter is to make every effort to recruit and maintain a minimum of sixty members with a chapter being full at one hundred and thirty members. A C.R.E.S.T. chapter is to split into two sister chapters before reaching one hundred and thirty members.

**1.1.7** A chapter with less than twenty five members is considered “under construction.” While under construction a chapter is still to be represented at their County/District Council but voting rights are suspended until membership reaches twenty five.

**1.1.8** Any community-based organization or group may use this C.R.E.S.T. Unified Standard. Including: crime prevention; religious; educational; civic; fraternal; business; labor organizations; professional associations; or any group of concerned citizens.

### **Organization at a glance:**

#### **C.R.E.S.T. National Council**

Council President and Vice-President and council members.  
National Council members are sent by their respective State Councils.

#### **C.R.E.S.T. State Councils**

Council President and Vice-President and council members.  
State Council members are sent by their respective County/District Councils.

## **County and District Councils**

Council President and board of Elected Captains

All Elected Chapter Captains serve on their County Council.

(Note: large metropolitan areas chapters may divide their county into districts)

## **C.R.E.S.T. Local Chapter**

One Elected Chapter Captain - Team/Task Leaders and Member

## **CHAPTER II: Membership Requirements.**

**2.1.1 All members must be United States Citizens or in the process of becoming citizens. Members must own or have access to a firearm of their choosing.**

**2.1.2** There is no maximum age restriction and the minimum age is 18. All C.R.E.S.T. members are to maintain the highest standards of citizenship.

**2.1.3** Each local chapter has minimum member dues of \$7.00 per month to help cover required purchase items mandated by this charter. Members must be able to pay chapter dues on time as determined by the chapter.

## **CHAPTER III: Elections and Leaders.**

**3.1.1 The C.R.E.S.T. does not use a military chain-of-command. There is one elected officer for each local chapter and one elected or appointed team leader for each team within a local chapter. Within each county or district area all C.R.E.S.T. organizations are to join their efforts and create a county or district council.**

**3.1.2 Each Local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is required to elect one organizational officer with the title of "Captain" every four years coinciding with the presidential election cycle.** New organizations may elect an interim Captain prior to the election cycle. No military style chain-of-command may be created except for national emergency or armed defense of the U.S. Constitution. (See Chapter IV.) A County Council President is to be selected from among the elected Captains within a county or district. Elected Captains within a county determine their County Council President by election or lottery as they choose.

**3.1.3** At election time the organization Oversight Committee is to be determined. A simple lottery will be used to determine the committee. Twelve member names will be drawn from the lottery to determine the committee. In organizations with less than thirty members only eight members will serve on the committee.

**3.1.4** Committee members are to nominate a Committee Chairman. If an Oversight Committee member leaves an organization before the end of term, a replacement will be drawn by lottery. If the Committee Chairman leaves office before end of term, committee members will elect a new Chairman.

**3.1.5** All members of the Oversight Committee will have access to all organization financial records at all times. All organization expenditures must have Oversight Committee approval. The Oversight Committee is to meet a minimum of twice a year to review organization financial records. At the discretion of the committee an outside auditor may be hired at organization expense. The committee may call a hearing anytime to address any issue that may concern the organization.

**3.1.6** The power to remove an Elected-Captain or other C.R.E.S.T. member from the organization resides with the Oversight Committee. An Elected-Captain may only be removed by a unanimous vote of the committee. A three-fourths majority is required to expel a member.

**3.1.7** During any national emergency the power to appoint officers for a C.R.E.S.T. Chapter resides solely with the Elected Captain. An appointment may only be stopped by a three-fourths majority vote of the Oversight Committee.

**3.1.8** In the event an Elected-Captain resigns or is otherwise removed from an organization the oversight committee will appoint an interim Captain until a new election can be held by the organization.

**3.1.9** Any C.R.E.S.T. Team Leader has the power to remove or suspend a member from the organization pending a hearing from the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee may overturn or affirm such actions by majority vote and/or assign members to new teams.

**3.1.9.1** The elected C.R.E.S.T. Captain may optionally receive financial compensation for service in the C.R.E.S.T.

**3.1.9.2** If the Captain is given financial compensation from the chapter the Oversight Committee determines and approves these benefits.

**3.1.9.3** The office of Captain is not term limited.

## **3.2 The duties of C.R.E.S.T. Captain:**

**3.2.1** C.R.E.S.T. Captain is the elected Senior Officer for a local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter. The Elected-Captain has the full power to delegate, organize and direct a C.R.E.S.T. Chapter during all organization activities. The Elected-Captain is to ensure compliance with state and Federal laws and the bylaws of this charter.

**3.2.2** The Elected-Captain may appoint a Treasurer/Secretary and all other organizational officers. Except during a national emergency all appointed officers within the C.R.E.S.T. must have titles that are civilian in nature.

**3.2.3** Each C.R.E.S.T. team consisting of 6 to 15 team members is to have one "Team Leader." Team members elect their own Team Leader and this election must be approved

by the Elected Captain to become valid. In the event of a dispute this leader will be assigned by the Elected Captain to a team. Team leaders coordinate with the Elected Captain for all organization activities.

**3.2.7** The Elected - captain shall be sworn in by the Chairman of the Oversight Committee.

**3.2.8 Upon election as C.R.E.S.T. Captain, the following oath of office shall be taken:**

"I (state your full name) the Elected-Captain of Constitutional Rights Enforcement & Support Team of (your town/community) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend The Constitution of the United States; I will maintain the integrity of the C.R.E.S.T. Charter, and the bylaws set-forth within; I now accept this office in good conscious and without reservation; So help me God.

### **3.4 The duties of Team/Task Leader:**

**3.4.1** Team leaders are the primary training officers for a C.R.E.S.T. organization and should be well versed in firearm safety and able to teach others. Team members should take skill and leadership qualities into consideration when electing a task leader for their team. This leader may also be appointed by the organization Captain. (See 3.2.3)

**3.4.2** Team leaders will record and report all team activities, performance and attendance to their Elected Captain. Team Leaders are accountable to the Elected Captain for all team activities and functions.

**3.4.3** The admission of new members as well as dismissals is to be submitted in written form by team leaders to their Elected Captain.

## **CHAPTER IV: Emergency Organization System.**

**Peace is always our mission and in this purpose we bear no shame in our aggressive defense of the U.S. Constitution. Such defense is the obligation of every U.S. Citizen and a cornerstone of our organization. Apart from an event that would justify organizing in a military fashion the C.R.E.S.T. will always remain a completely civilian and in every respect a peaceful entity.**

In the event that the government begins to disarm America as has been done in England and Australia it will be an act of war blatantly declared upon the American people. The C.R.E.S.T. will then automatically be transformed and all local organizations will become a United States Constitutional Militia and Local organizational hierarchy will become a chain-of-command with members taking oaths to obey and follow this authority. All authority to appoint officers will be vested in the Elected Captain of each

Local Chapter.

**The C.R.E.S.T. reserves the right to organize itself as a United States Militia under the following circumstances:**

**a.) A complete and irreversible overthrow of the United States Constitution or the disarming of citizens in violation of that document. b.) National civil unrest that threatens our families, communities or nation. c.) An armed invasion of the United States or imminent threat of such invasion. d.) Any lawful purpose protected under the U.S. Constitution not foreseen by this charter.**

1.) If citizens are ordered to disarm we will not wait for a knock on the door or ever turn in our arms. We will grow our ranks in defense of the U.S. Constitution and inseparable Bill of Rights. Our members will act in unison and never as individuals.

2.) We will organize a command structure for our resistance. Each local Chapter will implement ONLY the following U.S. Army ranks: Private, Corporal, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, First Lieutenant and Captain. One Master Sergeant Insignia will also be kept to designate the Sergeant at Arms for a C.R.E.S.T. Chapter. Each chapter is to maintain a supply of these insignias to cover double their membership.

3.) Only individuals elected as a C.R.E.S.T. Captain may hold the military rank of Captain during any resistance. All lower ranks within a local organization will be appointed by this officer after a swearing-in ceremony is held by the organization. A Captains term does not expire while the emergency organization system is active.

4.) All C.R.E.S.T. members must be willing to assume a leadership role during any armed resistance in defense of the U.S. Constitution. Therefore, all C.R.E.S.T. members that entered the organization before a call to arms occurred will automatically hold the minimum rank of Sergeant. This allows more citizens to join the resistance with command leadership already in place.

All C.R.E.S.T. National Council members will hold the rank of Brigadier General and may elect higher ranking generals from among themselves. All C.R.E.S.T. State Council members will hold the rank of Lt. Colonel and may elect Colonels from among themselves. The President and the Vice President of the C.R.E.S.T. State Council shall hold the rank of Brigadier General. **All C.R.E.S.T. County Council members will retain the rank of Captain. The President and the Vice President of the C.R.E.S.T. County Council shall will hold the rank of Major.\***

5.) A high-command (anything above the rank of Captain) may also be created by an election process performed by a united group of Captains. For example, a group of three C.R.E.S.T. Captains will have the power to elect among themselves a Major to coordinate a broader effort. Such elections will be binding for all C.R.E.S.T. members and organizations during any resistance. Promoted officers retain the voting powers of an elected C.R.E.S.T. Captain.

- 6.) Only members that have been elected as Captain in a local Chapter will have the power to elect officers above that rank. Each Captain supporting a promotion must provide a signed endorsement of the promotion with all signatures on a single document.
- 7.) A minimum of three elected C.R.E.S.T. Captains are required to elect an officer of the rank of Major.
- 8.) A minimum of six elected C.R.E.S.T. Captains will be required to elect an officer of the rank of Lt. Colonel.
- 9.) A minimum of twelve elected C.R.E.S.T. Captains will be required to elect an officer of the rank of Colonel.
- 10.) A minimum of 24 elected C.R.E.S.T. Captains will be required to elect an officer of the rank of General or above.
- 11.) Military law will be applied to all members within the resistance during a call to arms. All C.R.E.S.T. members will strictly observe the Geneva Conventions for the humanitarian treatment of prisoners of war. All C.R.E.S.T. members will be accountable to elected C.R.E.S.T. officers and officers appointed over them by those officials.
- 12.) **A C.R.E.S.T. organization DOES NOT train-in or use military battle dress uniforms during regular C.R.E.S.T. functions.** However all members are required to purchase an emergency BDU that is universal to their Chapter or per guidelines stipulated by the National Council. Organizations may use member dues to fund the uniform and insignia purchases eliminating the need for new members to come up with a larger sum. The first financial goal of every C.R.E.S.T. Chapter should be to warehouse enough emergency uniforms and insignia to cover double their membership. Each C.R.E.S.T. member is encouraged (but not required) to purchase another emergency BDU of the same size to be reserved for a new member.
- 13.) Maintaining the emergency BDU uniform: The United States Flag emblem patch will be sewed on left shirtsleeve of all uniforms. All uniforms will be imprinted U.S. Militia with state abbreviation over the left shirt pocket. For example: **U.S. MILITIA-NV** if your organization resides in Nevada. Member names are printed above the right shirt pocket only if the emergency system is activated.



- 14.) If the Emergency Organization System has been activated all C.R.E.S.T. Captains will paint an olive drab or black stripe (as shown) across their Captain's bars to show their C.R.E.S.T. affiliation. Those appointed as First Lieutenant will also paint an olive drab or black stripe (as shown) across their Lieutenant's bars to designate their C.R.E.S.T. affiliation.

15.) The following military insignia are stored and maintained by the C.R.E.S.T. to support and prepare for the C.R.E.S.T. emergency organization system. Private no insignia; Corporal; Sergeant; Staff Sergeant; One Master Sergeant insignia to be used as Sergeant at Arms; First Lieutenant; with an olive drab or black painted bar and one Captain insignia with an olive drab or black painted bar. All insignia are purchased by members and kept in the possession of the Elected C.R.E.S.T. Captain unless the emergency organization system is implemented by the C.R.E.S.T.



**Images:** Rank insignia recognized by the C.R.E.S.T. emergency organization system. Officer insignia above the rank of Captain are to be warehoused by County and State Councils. **As general rule The C.R.E.S.T. warehouses uniforms for emergency purposes and as a political statement but does not wear uniforms during regular C.R.E.S.T. activities.**

## CHAPTER V: Organization Requirements.

5.1.1 Each Local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is to be a private non-profit organization and may optionally incorporate. Each chapter is to collect a minimum of \$7.00 per month from each member to purchase required charter items and materials for their chapter. Minimum dues are determined by the National Council and each local chapter may increase dues from time to time as needed. Dues are collected by team leaders and recorded by the Oversight Committee before being passed to the elected Captain or Chapter Treasurer.

**Items purchased with members dues include:** emergency BDU uniforms, insignias, and all other supplies that may be needed by the chapter during an emergency or for training purposes. Organization supplies are stored in a manner dictated by the Elected Captain and supervised by the Oversight Committee. Each chapter is to provide a written inventory of supplies to the elected Captain and Oversight Committee once per year.

The first financial goal of every C.R.E.S.T. Chapter should be to warehouse enough emergency uniforms and insignia to cover double their membership.

5.1.2 Each local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is to be represented at their County Council when

the council meets.

5.1.3 Each local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is to actively invite new members to join the C.R.E.S.T.

5.1.4 Each local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter will require all new members take the following oath of membership:

"I (state your full name) will support and defend The Constitution of the United States; I will follow the bylaws set-forth within the C.R.E.S.T. Charter; I understand the C.R.E.S.T. is a brotherhood of citizens and I am willing to bear that responsibility; in good conscious and without reservation I affirm my membership in the C.R.E.S.T.

5.1.5 One major function of the C.R.E.S.T. is to be preparing for natural disasters and civil unrest and to be able to provide security for their communities during and after such events. Therefore, all organizations must have a universal method that identifies members as private security. A full uniform is not required but a single cap, shirt, vest and/or jacket with the word "SECURITY" imprinted plainly for the public will suffice. The uniform that is adopted is determined by each individual organization. Also, "C.R.E.S.T." may be printed on the front of a jacket with member name.



## CHAPTER VI: Suggested Weapon and Equipment Guidelines.

6.1 Weapon ownership/access and training is a requirement for all C.R.E.S.T. members physically able to do so. Conforming to charter weapon guidelines is strongly suggested but not mandated. Members are encouraged (not required) to participate in NRA high power rifle matches and take a basic pistol safety or defensive course. Similar training and competition provided by the C.R.E.S.T. is also desirable.

**C.R.E.S.T. Suggested Weapon Guidelines. Members are free to choose ANY rifle or handgun they choose but should when possible add a conforming arm to their collection.**



Image: Ruger Mini-14 w/scope.

**Any auto-loading rifle in .223 Remington, 7.62x39, .308 Winchester, 9mm or .50 BMG is included as a charter guideline standard.**

**Suggested standard member model: Scoped Ruger Ranch or Mini-14 .223 Remington.** Spare magazines should total a minimum of 40 rounds for model used. For example: Four 10/round magazines, or two 20/round magazines.

6.1.4 Members may choose to train as tactical-shooters using bolt-action rifles.

6.1.7 Members are not required to own a handgun. However, members are encouraged to select models in 9mm or .45ACP if they choose to keep a side arm.

## **6.2 C.R.E.S.T. Suggested Standard Equipment:**

6.2.1 Each C.R.E.S.T. member will keep ready, a minimum 200 rounds ammunition; two days water and non-perishable food; pocket knife; small flashlight; compact binoculars; first aid kit; personal hygiene items such as soap and toothbrush and small carrying bag or pack.

Other useful items may include waterproof matches; lighter; needles and thread; fishing line, hooks & sinkers; water filtration system/purification tablets; compass; entrenching tool; gun cleaning equipment; spare gun parts; helmet; field jacket; 3 pairs of socks; poncho; fixed blade knife; batteries; toilette paper, small am/fm pocket radio with earphone.

Security uniforms should be kept updated for the current weather conditions. A minimum of one night vision device should be kept by each team. Each team member should have a minimum of one hand held radio universally used by the team and organization. Members are encouraged to have access to a video camera for video-surveillance activities aimed at curbing crime.

6.2.2 Highly desired C.R.E.S.T. organization equipment: cell phones; field glasses; body armor; night vision; ham radios; road flares and cones; shovels; GPS, chemical light sticks, generators; medical and first aid supplies etc. These and other needed items may be purchased for a chapter using organization funds.

## **CHAPTER VII: Training and performance standards.**

**Training and participation in the C.R.E.S.T. is flexible but consistent.**

7.1.1 Each team is to meet a minimum of once per month. This can be a brief meeting lasting about one half hour or as long as desired. The team meeting should include community information exchange, physical education or other training. The team's leader directs the focus of each meeting. Team leaders are responsible to see that all members meet organization-training standards.

7.1.2. Two hours minimum required rifle and/or pistol practice is to be verified by team leaders every ninety days as a team activity. Team leaders once per month are to verify phone tree updates. Phone trees will include home, work, cell phones and pagers. Updated phone trees are passed up to the organization's Captain.

7.1.3 Each organization is encouraged to conduct a minimum of four simulation exercises per year. Simulations may include search and rescue of missing persons; first aid training; simulated conflicts such as paintball matches and other beneficial training activities.

7.1.4 Organization leaders are to meet a minimum of once per month to maintain the organization. In small organizations this can be a combined team and organization meeting.

7.1.5 Each chapter is to hold an organization wide meeting a minimum of five times per year as determined by the elected chapter Captain.

## **CHAPTER VIII: Mobilization Policies:**

**Activation:** The C.R.E.S.T. is not designed to be an organized militia unless an overt overthrow of the U.S Constitution is implemented by force of arms. We are only a defensive organization and training simply consists of basic firearm skills. The C.R.E.S.T. will never mobilize in a military fashion except as provided under the Emergency Organization System. (See Chapter IV)

8.1 Security is a primary function of the C.R.E.S.T. Our constitutionally guaranteed right to not only "keep" but also "bear" arms is rooted in our common law right to an individual and collective self-defense. Organizations are to be well prepared to provide armed security and defense within their community.

### **8.1.2 Citizen's Arrest by C.R.E.S.T. Members:**

C.R.E.S.T. members will never participate in assisting any government agency intent on enforcing laws that violate the United States Constitution. Many unconstitutional laws exist at local, state and Federal levels of government at the time of the original writing of this charter.

In the event of legitimate crimes the following procedures will be followed. If not making an arrest doesn't pose a danger to the community, or the suspect doesn't appear to be in flight, C.R.E.S.T. members should call and wait for law enforcement authorities.

Citizen's arrests by the C.R.E.S.T. will be conducted strictly observing local, state and federal laws. Suspects are to be turned over to law enforcement authorities without delay.

## **CHAPTER IX: Charter Limitations and Restrictions:**

9.1.1 Each C.R.E.S.T. member must be a United States Citizen before serving under this charter or be in the process of becoming a citizen.

9.1.2 Those advocating a creed, organization or movement, that is clearly hostile to United States Constitution, must never be admitted as C.R.E.S.T. members. Clearly hostile means a diametrical opposition to United States Constitutional or any portion thereof.

9.1.3 Unless employed for temporary state or national emergency, no C.R.E.S.T. organization or member may accept payment from any governmental or private entity, related to service organized by the C.R.E.S.T. or under the C.R.E.S.T. Charter. All service conducted under this charter is to be performed on a volunteer basis and no member may work as a paid security guard or similar function under direction and/or supervision of a C.R.E.S.T. organization.

9.1.4 Local modifying charters may be created to comply with local, state or federal laws, and appended to this charter. Amendments to this charter are limited to a Captain's term and must be voted upon every four years to remain an organization bylaw.

9.1.5 Restrictions for team formation: It is the intent of this charter that standard teams maintain between six and fifteen members. However, larger or smaller teams may be created for any purpose deemed beneficial to a C.R.E.S.T. organization.

9.1.6 Teams must be fully functional in the absence of members having other civil obligations in time of crisis such as firefighters and law enforcement officers.

9.1.7 C.R.E.S.T. organizations may share a legal defense fund, or share expenses for services provided by third parties that benefit the C.R.E.S.T. Charter Community as a whole. However, such joining must not blur or compromise the independent organizational authority of each C.R.E.S.T. Chapter.

9.1.8 The primary intent of this charter is to create a highly respected civilian security force for the defense of the United States Constitution. Such organizations also function as an emergency security force during local, state or national emergencies. In this respect the C.R.E.S.T. may at times function to bolster or relieve National Guard forces or act as a local first response prior to the arrival of National Guard manpower.

9.1.9 The C.R.E.S.T. will hopefully never need to act in armed defense. However, it is mandated in this charter, that members keep and bear arms. No modifications may be made to this charter that weakens the armed defense capabilities of the C.R.E.S.T., or lessens the training requirements for such defense.

9.2.1 It is the intent of this charter that the C.R.E.S.T. work toward and take advantage of every peaceful means of Constitutional restoration possible.

9.2.2 It is the intent of this charter that all C.R.E.S.T. organizations welcome, and actively recruit like minded patriots.

9.2.3 It is the intention of this charter that C.R.E.S.T. function as a citizen security network and as a very last resort the basis of armed restoration of the United States Constitution.

9.2.4 The C.R.E.S.T. will only organize itself as a trained and organized Militia in the event of a complete and irreversible overthrow of the United States Constitution OR the disarming of citizens in violation of that document.

9.2.5 The CREST is a civilian entity. Active duty members of the armed services may not serve in the C.R.E.S.T. National Guard members may be admitted as in any other civilian organization but will be excused from C.R.E.S.T. meetings and functions if there is a conflict of schedules. Should there be an order given by any government to disarm the American people and the C.R.E.S.T. is consequently transformed into a United States militia, then those members of the National Guard, who are C.R.E.S.T. members, should declare where their loyalty belongs and decide whose side they will fight on. National Guard members may not officially participate in defense of members who are having their rights violated but they may train and prepare as a last resort defense of our second amendment right to keep and bear arms.

9.2.6 Under this charter, service in the C.R.E.S.T. is voluntary and not compulsory. No C.R.E.S.T. organization may draft contracts, or enlistment agreements for members.

9.2.7 Members must be seven years a United States Citizens to be eligible for the office of Captain in the C.R.E.S.T. Those maintaining dual-citizenship status are not eligible for the office of Captain in the C.R.E.S.T.

9.2.8 The C.R.E.S.T. reserves the right to defend any member that has had his/her constitutional rights violated by law enforcement and more importantly the courts.

## **9.4 The C.R.E.S.T. National Council:**

9.4.1 Each local C.R.E.S.T. Chapter is to be represented at their County or District Council. Each County or District Council is to create and be represented at the State Council level.

9.4.2 Each State Council may send one representative to the National Council per 30,000 active C.R.E.S.T. members within their state, up to a maximum of three representatives per state. Each representative has one vote at the council. For example: A state with less than 30,000 members has one vote at the National Council while a state with 60,000 to

90,000 members will have two votes at the council and so-forth up to the maximum of three votes.

9.4.3 The official meeting location for the National Council is determined by the council each year.

9.4.4 The National Council is to elect a President and Vice-President from among the participating council representatives. Elections are to take place one month after the presidential election cycle or interim election as needed. The National Council President has the power to appoint all other National Council officers, representatives and speakers.

9.4.5 The purpose National Council is to insure all Local Chapters are focused on the same task at the same time. All Chapters are to come to the defense of all other member organizations and the National Council directs this support.

9.4.6 The National Council has the power to create bylaws for the council; to create all offices needed to organize the council; to raise funds to be used for the universal benefit of all C.R.E.S.T. Chapters; to purchase property and equipment for the C.R.E.S.T. and appoint trustees for such property.

9.4.7 The National Council may permanently amend or alter this charter by unanimous consent. Temporary four year amendments may be added to this charter by majority vote of the National Council. Such amendments expire after four years if not reinstated.

9.4.8 The National Council has the power to expel organizations that do not conform to the intent of this charter. Once expelled by the council no C.R.E.S.T. Chapter may provide support to the expelled Chapter. The Council also has the power to reinstate an expelled C.R.E.S.T. Chapter.

9.4.9 In the event that the C.R.E.S.T. is transformed into a United States Militia, all National Council members will automatically become brigadier generals and will elect among themselves higher ranking generals.

9.5 Although the C.R.E.S.T. is steadfastly against initiating the use of force against others, it will not restrict it's members from using whatever force is needed to defend themselves and each other against violence or violations of their rights by those who would enforce unconstitutional laws. However, members that carelessly get themselves in trouble with government authorities must understand our response must be measured to insure the continuation of the C.R.E.S.T.

9.5.1 We will never resort to the use of firearms or explosives in defending our members, these options we maintain solely for the defense of our nation. However, we maintain and will use every nonviolent option to defend or rescue our members from government wrongdoing.

## **9.6 The Interim C.R.E.S.T. National Oversight**

## Committee:

9.6.1 Until the first C.R.E.S.T. National Council has been elected with representatives from all states there shall be an interim C.R.E.S.T. National Oversight Committee. The function of the Committee is to to keep the C.R.E.S.T. on course and to insure that members and chapters are abiding by the charter. The Committee will be Internet based and for the most part will operate through the C.R.E.S.T. Yahoo group at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/thecrest> . The Committee will have the authority to remove members from the C.R.E.S.T. as well as expose and remove renegade chapters. The Committee does not have the authority to call defensive actions. That authority resides with the Council members on the County or State level. No defensive actions may be called or ordered without County and State Council approval..

9.6.2 Quicksilverdime, the founder of the C.R.E.S.T. , shall be the interim Chairman of the C.R.E.S.T. National Oversight Committee and shall appoint committee members and/or remove them at his discretion. Committee members must either have started a local C.R.E.S.T chapter or belong to an active chapter that is following the charter guidelines. They must also have fulfilled all membership requirements.

9.6.3 The interim National C.R.E.S.T. Oversight Committee shall be dissolved upon formation of a C.R.E.S.T. National Council with representative members from every state.

9.6.4 The C.R.E.S.T. official website will be at <http://www.thecrest.us> and will also be the Committee's primary meeting place. Any other websites that claim to be the sole representative of the C.R.E.S.T. are imposters and/or renegades. Individual C.R.E.S.T. chapters may have their own websites but must not claim to represent all of the C.R.E.S.T. The National C.R.E.S.T. Council may select a different url for the website and appoint a webmaster etc. if they choose. The domain name, thecrest.us shall be tranfered to the either the President of the National C.R.E.S.T. Council or to an organization within the council.

### **The C.R.E.S.T. Seal:**

A red-tailed hawk carrying an olive branch symbolizing American independence and our pursuit of peace through strength.

May be worn on right shoulder or front of jacket or on front of hat on civilian clothing to show your C.R.E.S.T.affiliation.

To be used on all official C.R.E.S.T. stationary and seals and C.R.E.S.T. websites.

**The C.R.E.S.T. Symbol:** A red feather (quill) - symbolizing freedom and independence through sacrifice.

**The C.R.E.S.T. LOGO:** To be determined by poll in TheCREST Yahoo group when the group reaches 1,000 members and then will be added to this charter.

**Official C.R.E.S.T. Colors:** Black or Navy Blue background with yellow/gold letters  
**C.R.E.S.T.** (for T-shirts, jackets, hats, etc. Other colors may be worn if so desired.)

**Court cases and quotes we reflect on:**

1. "The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime. Miller v. U.S. 230 F 486 at 489"
2. "Where rights as secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which will abrogate them. Miranda v. Ariz., 384 U.S. 436 at 491 (1966)."
3. "The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void, and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law, and no courts are bound to enforce it." - Sixteenth American Jurisprudence, Second Edition, Section 256 137, 180"
4. "Since an unconstitutional law is void, the general principles follow that it imposes no duties, confers no rights, creates no office, bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it. 16 Am Jur 2nd Section 177"
5. "Where rights as secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which will abrogate them. Miranda v. Ariz., 384 U.S. 436 at 491 (1966)."
6. "All laws, rules and practices which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void. Marbury v. Madison"
7. "The United States is entirely a creature of the Constitution. Its power and authority have no other source. It can only act in accordance with all the limitations imposed by the Constitution." Reid v Covert 354 US 1 (1957)
8. "When a legislature undertakes to proscribe the exercise of a citizen's constitutional rights it acts lawlessly and the citizen can take matters into his own hands and proceed on the basis that such a law is no law at all." - Justice William O. Doug

**Starting a C.R.E.S.T. organization:**

Any community-based organization or group may use this C.R.E.S.T. Unified Standard. Including: crime prevention; religious; educational; civic; fraternal; business; labor organizations; professional associations; or any group of citizens.

**End Charter.**

**FAQ:**

**Is the C.R.E.S.T. a vigilante group?** No. The C.R.E.S.T. never takes justice into it's own hands. Our members do reserve the right to obstruct injustice when a fellow member is having his/her rights violated under the color of law.

**Does the C.R.E.S.T. support domestic terrorism like what happened in Oklahoma City?** Absolutely not, we are an anti-terrorist organization. We work within the existing political process to restore constitutional law and to promote a more secure America. If you believe terrorism is the way to restore constitutional government don't expect safe harbor with us.

**Is the C.R.E.S.T. planning a war against the government?** Definitely Not. Although our members keep and bear arms our stance is completely defensive. The question should be is why is government acting in ways that we feel we may need to defend ourselves?

**Why does your organization warehouse military uniforms?** We believe in hoping for the best while preparing for the worst. Just like we don't keep and bear arms merely for "hunting and sporting purposes" our organization doesn't exist to appease those that aim to disarm the people. Make no mistake, we will fight if given no other choice, we believe self-defense is a natural and God given right that cannot be compromised.

**Is the government against the C.R.E.S.T?** We are a peaceful and law abiding organization and a law abiding government has no reason to ever be against us or fear us.

**Isn't the C.R.E.S.T controversial?** We are no more controversial than the Bill of Rights today.

**Is the C.R.E.S.T associated with the NRA?** No. Many of our members may also be members of the NRA but as an organization we make no endorsement of the NRA nor does the NRA endorse the C.R.E.S.T.

**Ok, how do I join the C.R.E.S.T.?** You can contact the webmaster of the website posting this charter to see if a chapter exists in your area. If not you can use the charter to form your own chapter.

\* **CORRECTION NOTICE:** The founder, Quicksilverdime, corrected an error in the charter on July 20th, 2004 under Chapter 4 - Emergency Organization System. ( 04. It is now corrected to read,

"All C.R.E.S.T. County Council members will retain the rank of Captain. The President and the Vice President of the C.R.E.S.T. County Council shall will hold the rank of

Major." instead of "All C.R.E.S.T. County Council members will hold the rank of Major. The President and the Vice President of the C.R.E.S.T. County Council shall will hold the rank of Lt. Colonel." Since all the elected Captains are on the County Council there would be no Captains if they were all promoted to Major. The mistake was mine and I corrected it. The County Council of C.R.E.S.T. Captains may still elect higher ranking officers from among themselves as needed. - QSD