



LEAST RESISTANCE TRAINING CONCEPTS

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POLITICAL SPEECH AND ACTIVITIES

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This procedure guide supersedes all previous bulletins and guides covering this subject.

Disclaimer: This procedure guide is not intended to infringe upon or place prior restraints on any individual's rights. The purpose of this guide is to clarify the distinction between individual activities and those of Least Resistance Training Concepts.

Discussion:

Individual citizens enjoy a number of rights protected under the US Constitution, particularly the First Amendment. Conversely, as a non-profit service organization, LRTC has constraints imposed that vary from individual rights. Therefore, members expressing certain positions and/or taking certain actions for which non-profits are not protected must avoid creating any perceptions that they are stating the organization's position. Furthermore, LRTC is permitted to engage in specific activities by various public agencies for which cooperation and appropriate decorum is necessary in order for LRTC to undertake its missions.

General Parameters:

"Charitable organizations" (nonprofits) are generally prohibited from engaging in political activities and campaigning or promoting any candidate for political office.

While from time to time there will be policy disagreements with respect to agencies under which we work, it is not appropriate for members to confront such policies in public under circumstances that could be viewed as stating the positions of LRTC.

Issues of concern originating from the field may be discussed internally, and when appropriate, will be passed up the chain of command for consideration and possible action.

Policy:

It is the policy of LRTC that the organization shall not engage in political activities either directly or indirectly.

Political positions shall not be posted on any LRTC funded website, and any that appear will be removed upon discovery. Postings regarding policy issues are subject to the approval of senior staff.

While members have every right to campaign, support and/or advocate for any candidate, political or policy issue, they shall not wear any clothing or appear with any symbolism that could lead to an impression that they are representing the position of LRTC.

Conclusion:

It is not the intent of this policy to infringe on any individual rights, or to restrict non-political discussions regarding our activities, public safety and animal safety. It is simply intended to clarify the differences between lawful activities undertaken as individuals versus activities that could be perceived as being undertaken by LRTC.

Your sensitivities to these issues and compliance with sensible practices are appreciated.