

New Hybrid CERT Program Announced

We recently launched our first **PILOT Hybrid CERT** program that starts with online training completed at your own speed and will culminate in an *in-person skills training* in early 2022. If you would like to review or kick start your preparedness and/or participation with CERT this may be a great option. Want to share a preparedness message with family and friends this holiday season? They too can complete the online portion and have a better understanding of how to help in an emergency (even if they don't live in Costa Mesa). The in-person skills training is open to anyone who completes the online portion. It is required to be part of the Costa Mesa TEAM but not required if someone wants to learn more about how to help themselves in an emergency!

CERT ONLINE - Here is the link to the California Specialized Training Institute – CSTI - Remember you will need to create a profile. When you are done you will receive a completion certificate for the online portion only. <http://csti-ca.csod.com>

We have partnered with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services to bring you Part 1 of the CERT training curriculum. This **online CERT Part I** can be completed in the comfort of your home or office and on most devices. Take your time, review and learn at your own pace. The CAL OES learning management system requires you to register at their site (see below). There is no cost to you other than your time!

We will only know you have completed the course when you send me a copy of your completion certificate!

This is an exciting and brand new way for us to share CERT training with you to kick off 2022.

Costa Mesa Fire will host an online ZOOM check-in session on January 12 from 6 to 8 pm to catch up with participants on their progress and share plans for CERT Part 2! An invite will be sent to those who RSVP to this email.

CERT Part 2 will be in-person and focus on skills you will need to know in a disaster. There are 70 skills that are part of the course. We want to be able to provide this in-person group session as soon as possible after we have a number of participants complete the course. We are looking at late January to early Feb delivery dates for **CERT Part 2** - a Tues (6-9 pm), a Thurs (6-9 pm) and a Sat (830-430).

The more people that finish early in January the sooner we can host the in-person session. It will be fun and a true learning experience!

Dates and Reminders:

- **ASAP - Respond** to this email with your interest in the new 2-Part CERT program
- Register as soon as possible at the link below with Cal OES
- Complete as many of the units by **January 12 and meet us on ZOOM (January 12, 6-8 pm)**
- Plan for CERT Part 2 with in-person, hands-on skill days