



Methodology for Selecting Open Enrollment Courses Offered Annually

OES/CSTI courses are offered on a year-round basis according to the state's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

OES/CSTI offers a “core” curriculum annually in an open enrollment format that includes:

- Courses addressing all-phases of emergency management and homeland security (preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery);
- Courses that are essential components of our various certificate programs; (Emergency Management Specialist, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Crisis Communications Specialist, Terrorism and Homeland Security Specialist, Professional Development Series, Advanced Professional Series, etc.); and
- Courses to maintain OES internal operational readiness (Emergency Operational Training Program).

Additionally, OES/CSTI delivers open enrollment courses annually that:

- continue to remain popular and generate high enrollments (Emergency Planning for Schools, Emergency Planning and Special Needs Populations, Earthquake: An Introduction to Emergency Management in California, Terrorism Liaison Officer, Officer Safety and Field Tactics, Crisis Communications and the Media, Exercise Design, Emergency Management for Business and Industry, etc.);
- address recent disasters or other timely issues;
- meet specific grant funding or reimbursement criteria;
- are off-site and shorter versions of our week-long onsite courses requiring unique venues;
- are customized for the requesting audience that provide short, focused training; or
- are identified in training need assessments and related surveys.

Training Needs Assessments

OES/CSTI recently reestablished its annual Training Needs Assessment Survey and the Statewide Exercise Strategy to soon be distributed to all Operational Areas and State Agencies. Information from this survey is analyzed and used to add or modify course offerings.

OES/CSTI also reviews surveys and requests from other organizations including: the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Committees, Mutual Aid Region Advisory Committees (MARAC),

Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Centers (RTTAC), and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC).

Course Location Considerations

Currently, OES/CSTI offers approximately two-thirds of its contract and open enrollment courses offsite at various locations throughout California. The remaining courses are offered on the OES/CSTI main campus located at Camp San Luis Obispo.

The selection of offsite course locations considers the availability of hosting organizations, access to lodging and transportation, the size of the training population base, and local training needs, hazards, and threats.

Generally, the courses offered onsite in San Luis Obispo are designed to take advantage of the unique venue characteristics of the OES/CSTI main campus, such as the extensive hazardous materials field training facility, the 800-yard live fire shooting range and tactical force-on-force facilities, mock courtroom, simulated school interior, or the simulated Emergency Operations Center and adjacent Exercise Simulation and Media rooms.

Course Specific Logistical Requirements

A few OES/CSTI courses have extensive logistical requirements and are typically offered at the main campus. **However, OES/CSTI is continually seeking hosting organizations that are equipped to host some of our mainstay courses including:**

Earthquake – Intro to Emergency Management in California:

- 1 Main Classroom (capacity 55-60 people)
- 4 Breakout Rooms or Separate Meeting Areas (capacity 15 people each)
- 1 EOC with 20 phone lines and (capacity 45 people)
- 1 Exercise Simulation Room with 12 phone lines (capacity 15 people)
- 1 Exercise Media Center with closed circuit feed to monitors in EOC and Simulation Room

Crisis Communications and the Media:

- 1 Main Classroom (capacity 45-50 people)
- 5 Breakout Rooms each equipped with video cameras and lighting (capacity 10 people each)

Officer Safety and Field Tactics:

- 1 800-yard Outdoor Live Fire Range for Pistol, Shotgun, and Patrol Rifle capable of operating 4 courses-of-fire simultaneously (capacity 30 people) equipped with Multi-Directional Moving Target Systems and door way, stairs, and barricade props.
- 1 MOUT Range or Tactical Multi-Structure Area for Force-on-Force Marking Cartridge Training (capacity 30 people)
- 6 Patrol Vehicles for Tactical Scenarios
- 1 Armory for secure storage of approximately 50 tactical weapons and ammunition

Hazardous Materials Technician/Specialist:
State-certified Hazardous Materials Field Training Facility (FTF).

More detailed information about OES/CSTI course logistical and hosting requirements may be obtained by contacting the State Training Officer (information below).

Course Requests and Curriculum Suggestions

As the state's premiere training provider in emergency management, hazardous materials, and terrorism/homeland security for over 35 years, OES/CSTI has always welcomed your input regarding types of courses to offer, how often, and where. Additionally, OES/CSTI hosts numerous curriculum development committees and regularly seeks training recommendations and curriculum enhancements.

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our curriculum advisory groups or if you have requests or recommendations for new or customized courses, then please contact the OES State Training Officer, Robert Lewis, at (805) 549-3543 or
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Need More Information?

For more information about all of OES CSTI's courses and training and exercise services, please call our main line at **(805) 549-3535** or visit our website at www.csti.ca.gov .