

This is a quick CERT email update for March 2, 2022. Please share with your CERT network as appropriate.

2022 National CERT Conference

The website for the 2022 National CERT Conference is live and can be found at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/8c1d2e07-8447-4ce6-8a93-e57ec4cd3ca2/summary>. Pre-conference training registration is open and is expected to fill fast. Early Bird registration for the conference is \$450 with a special rate of \$330 for volunteers who are attending the conference. 150 tickets have been reserved at a \$225 rate for NCA members who are volunteers and covering their own costs to attend the conference. The first 3 people (from each state) who request the discount will get it. Email membership@nationalcert.org to request.

ASL 101 for CERT Webinar

On Feb 2, 2022, Cal OES partnered with FEMA and the National CERT Association to host an American Sign Language 101 training webinar. Over 700 participants attended this webinar, and the presenters did a great job of giving an overview on the subject. You can watch the webinar recording here: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pm6ikb95rxn2/>. AQL, the organization that delivered the webinar, has signed on to provide pro-bono sign language interpretation for parts of the upcoming 2022 National CERT Conference in Galveston, Texas (August 18-20).

CERT Disaster Deployment Workshop

The CERT Disaster Deployment Workshop will be held this month on March 22, 24, 29, and 31st. This is a 10-hour workshop split into four 2.5 hour segments. All four segments will be recorded for viewing after the live webinar. See attached flyer for more info and registration links. You will receive a confirmation email with login info after registering.

Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Training for CERT Webinar

The next webinar scheduled as part of the Cal OES/FEMA/National CERT Association collaboration will be a Faith Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Training for CERT. Many programs have asked for this type of training. Marcus Coleman, New Director of DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to lead this webinar. More information regarding this webinar will be shared once a date has been set. Marcus Coleman will likely be delivering a workshop at the upcoming 2022 National CERT Conference as well.

There is a great app (free) that was developed by USC that gives a lot of information on Religious Literacy and Competency. It is called "Religious Literacy & Competency Resources for Disasters."

Donations Management Training for CERT

As mentioned previously, Cal OES has partnered with FEMA and other partners to develop a supplemental training module for Donations Management for CERT. This 3.5 hour training module is designed to train CERT volunteers to staff a donations warehouse during a disaster. The goal is to either pilot this training or present on the progress at the 2022 National CERT Conference. A training module on spontaneous volunteer management will hopefully follow.