

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **about the Outreach Instructor Program**

### **How do I become an CALEMA/CSTI Haz Mat Certified Instructor?**

*First take the CALEMA/CSTI course you wish to teach.*

*Enroll in Haz Mat Instructor Certification (40 hrs) course or the CSTI Haz Mat Instructor Certification for Trainers (20 hrs) course.*

*Based on teaching experience: eligibility is determined during the application process. You must also attend the CSTI Haz Mat Technician/Specialists Instructor Orientation (8 hrs) if you plan to teach: Technician, Specialists, Technician for Industry, or General Site Worker.*

### **Do the CALEMA/CSTI Haz Mat courses meet State (Title 8 Section 5192) and Federal (29 CFR 1910.120) OSHA requirements?**

*Yes, all of CSTI courses meet and exceed the OSHA competencies.*

### **Why does CALEMA/CSTI curricula exceed OSHA hours?**

*OSHA has stated that competencies are more important than meeting the minimum hours. Our hours reflect minimums to meet competencies for an all hazard response.*

### **Does CALEMA/CSTI curriculum meet the NFPA standards?**

*In most cases, Yes! There are a few standards that must be met through other trainings. We clarify and make suggestions on meeting those specific NFPA standards.*

### **Do I have to certify through CALEMA/CSTI?**

*No, the CALEMA/CSTI standardized hazardous materials training program is voluntary. It is up to the employer to decide what training program meets legal liability and the OSHA requirements.*

### **What government code defines Hazardous Materials training?**

*California Govt. Code 8574.19-22*

*Title 8, Section 5192*

*Federal OSHA requirements: 29 CFR 1910.120*

### **Does CSTI cross certify other hazardous materials programs?**

*No, we do not certify other courses. The rationale is based on a single coordinated and standardized program as outlined in CGC 8574.19-22.*

### **Are any CALEMA/CSTI Hazardous Materials courses jointly certified?**

*Yes, the Technician/Specialist program is jointly certified by the California State Fire Marshals Office.*