

# CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor FAQ



## **What is the CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor (COSCI) program?**

The CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor (COSCI) program recognizes and acknowledges qualified officer safety and survival instructors who provide high-quality best practices training to code professionals.

## **When and why did CEOSF launch the COSCI program?**

The **CEOSF's Officer Safety Certified Instructor (COSCI)** program was launched in September 2021 to identify qualified and competent officer safety and survival instructors who facilitate safety classes for code professionals. The Foundation believes it is extremely important to have instructors who are qualified, vetted, and experienced to facilitate courses on officer safety/survival especially as the topic of officer safety is becoming more prevalent within the code enforcement profession. Time in position, in and of itself, is not a qualification standard to be a trainer especially relating to officer safety. It is also easy for "instructors" to facilitate officer safety classes without having the proper credentials and experience to teach on the topic. The Foundation views such practices as not only unsafe but morally and ethically wrong. By setting a certification standard based on documented instructor qualifications and experience the Foundation can recommend to the profession, with confidence, that training professionals who have the COSCI designation are qualified to facilitate training on officer safety for code professionals. All trainers who have COSCI certification have:

- ⇒ Successfully completed a general instructor certification program and provided documented proof of completion
- ⇒ A minimum of 3 years of experience facilitating courses on officer safety/survival
- ⇒ Provided documentation of officer safety and survival training certifications and courses

- ⇒ Endorsements from a Code Director, POST Director, or Law Enforcement Academy Director, or three references
- ⇒ A commitment to continuing education regarding instructor development
- ⇒ An unwavering passion for officer safety

### **What is the website to the COSCI?**

<https://www.codeofficersafety.org/COSCI>

### **Why should I apply to become a recognized CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor?**

The benefits of being a member of this elite instructional cadre include:

- ⇒ Receive an Identification card with the CEOSF seal documenting your CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor status and expiration date
- ⇒ Receive a CEOSF COSCI certificate, suitable for framing
- ⇒ Post your picture and biographical information on your CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor webpage with links back to your website and e-mail address
- ⇒ Receive CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor Program challenge coin
- ⇒ Use the CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor (COSCI) acronym on your business cards, letterhead, etc. Example: Justin Edson, CCEO, COSS, COSCI
- ⇒ “Charter Member” status designated on ID card for the first 50 members
- ⇒ You will be part of an elite officer safety training cadre where you can network with other officer safety trainers

### **What are the requirements to become an CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor?**

CEOSF has established these 'best practice' standards for those interested in becoming nationally recognized and certified:

- Complete the CEOSF Officer Safety Certified Instructor (COSCI) Application and endorsement references.
- Submit a current resume outlining your specific officer safety/survival teaching and curriculum development experience indicating more than **three (3) years of training experience**.
- Submit your Code Director, POST Director, or Academy Director endorsement or **THREE (3)** letters of recommendation from Code Enforcement or Law Enforcement

attesting to your skills and abilities as an instructor who will be contacted during a background check

- Submit a completion certificate from a recognized Instructor level course indicating instructor certification.
- Submit your \$150 annual COSCI Instructor Fee.

### **How do I renew my instructor certification?**

- Complete renewal application.
- Submit \$125 annual renewal fee.
- Every three years, each COSCI Instructor must complete **SIX (6) hours of instructor training/development** continuing education to maintain certification. These training hours can come from attending conferences or training courses related to instructional development. Certificates of attendance are required.

### **What types of documents do I need to submit in my COSCI application?**

Instructors/developers should submit the following:

- COSCI Application
- Resume documenting more than 3 years of officer safety/survival training experience
- Code Director, POST, LE Director Endorsement OR Three Letters of Reference
- Instructor Training Course Certificate or equivalent
- Officer safety/survival training certifications
- Application fee

### **How long will the process take?**

Allow up to 30 days for your information packet to be processed.

After your credentials are verified, you will receive notification.

### **What does the COSCI Instructor Certification process cost?**

Currently there is a \$150 application fee for each instructor with a \$125 renewal fee.

### **How long is my certification current?**

Your COSCI Instructor Certification is current for ONE Year and is renewed by completing continuing education training courses in instructor presentation and/or development. This

ensures that you stay current in the instructional profession.

**Can I use the CEOSF COSCI seal in marketing myself or my courses?**

Yes! You can add the CEOSF COSCI seal on your business cards, on your company's letterhead, and e-mail signatures.

**Why should I signup now?**

By signing up you will be recognized as one of the BEST instructors and content developers in the U.S. and abroad for officer safety training. The first 50 instructors are also recognized as "charter" members. Each instructor is assigned a registration number indicating their signup status. Be one of the first to receive this distinction!

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