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Greetings fellow NCA members and partners:

This year's Washington DC 2024 National CERT Conference has come to a successful conclusion with efforts already underway for the 2025 Conference in Indianapolis. This will be an important event in that it will introduce a new and important chapter to the Association that includes corporate restructure, new programs and partnership opportunities.

As members and partners of the NCA, this letter is to inform you that the Association has been consolidated into the Fire Services Training Institute as a dba (doing business as) of the FSTI. The former Florida based corporation is in the process of winding down with all assets and intellectual properties to be absorbed by FSTI. For you, this will bring little noticeable change, with the name and logo remaining the same. However, behind the scenes significant structural changes have already occurred with others underway including a new FEMA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), changes to the website and social media platforms, internal accounting practices, trademark registration, and other legal transactions.

The Fire Services Training Institute (FSTI) was established in 2005 in California to support the volunteer firefighting community by providing training, leadership development, management skills, recruitment, and retention services. Over the years, FSTI has expanded its scope to include the development and ownership of Deer Valley Press wildfire publications, as well as the LISTOS program, which is currently under the national leadership of Sam Nader Mena.

FSTI has a strong leadership team and governance over-site that has already assisted the National CERT Association move forward by enhancing, supporting and leading CERT throughout the country. Many of the former NCA team are continuing as the new internal governance team that includes drafting new policy and procedures, forming committees, and exploring funding opportunities.

There are exciting and challenging times ahead for the Association, CERT and our communities. Now is the time to get involved and become part of history and in the forming of the NCA culture that will be here for decades to come. There will be more information to come as we look forward to working with you as we move to the future.

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