**What is the COVOST?**The vision of the Colorado Virtual Operations Support Team (COVOST) is to provide the State of Colorado and our local Colorado communities a powerful and effective team of trusted agents whose mission is to provide increased situational awareness through an innovatively effective, efficient and elegant use of social media and other online or ‘virtual’ tools.

**We need you!**Without you the COVOST really can’t do much of anything. We need you to partner with us. Our goal is to join together trusted agents from across Colorado, the United States and the World. With your help we can provide support to Colorado communities during their time of need.

**What is in it for you?**

Real World Training and COVOST Membership Status

The COVOST is a leader in the world of Social Media and Emergency Management (SMEM). We offer monthly training to all of our Trusted Agents. Training is accomplished via webinar so you never even have to leave your home to experience the benefit.

The training offered by the COVOST is practical, real world social media training. You will walk away from each session learning at least one or two new tips, tricks and techniques to master the world of social media and online tools. Don’t pay big $$ for training, just join the COVOST!

COVOST activations are virtual and thus do not meet the requirements needed to sign off on NWCG or All-Hazard PIO taskbooks. That said, through our training and activation procedures you will gain real world experience that is more valuable than a simple signature.

After you pass your background check and some initial training you will be officially welcomed as a COVOST Trusted Agent. This is a coveted title that you can proudly share on your personal social media accounts and resume.

**What are you committing to?**

To retain COVOST membership status you must commit to:

* Supporting the COVOST Mission: To support the State of Colorado and our local communities through the innovative use of social media and other online tools.
* Adhering to the rules outlined in the [COVOST Handbook](http://bit.ly/COVOSTHandbook).
* Completing the monthly COVOST training and brief assignment (2-4 hour commitment).
* Declare your availability during all activations (even if you are unable to assist).
* Actively participate in at least one activation each year.

**Return the completed form to COVOST Team Manager Jennifer.Hillmann@state.co.us.**

**Contact Information**

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| Email: |  | ***\*Gmail:*** |  |

**Social Media Platforms** List usernames where applicable. ***\*Required Platforms***

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| **Personal Platforms:** |  | **Agency Platforms:** |  |
| ***\*Twitter:*** |  | Twitter: |  |
| ***\*Facebook Profile*** |  | Facebook Profile: |  |
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| Facebook Page: |  | Facebook Page: |  |
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| Foursquare: |  | Foursquare: |  |
| ***\*Hootsuite: or*** |  | Hootsuite: |  |
| ***\*Tweetdeck:*** |  | Tweetdeck: |  |

***Training and Certifications*** *Write date of completion if you have completed the training or certification.*

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| ***\*IS 100: Introduction to Incident Command Systems*** |  |
| ***\*IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents*** |  |
| ***\*IS 700 & 702: National Incident Management System (NIMS)*** |  |
| ***\*IS 800: National Response Framework (NRF) An Introduction*** |  |
| ***\*IS 29: Public Information Officer Awareness*** |  |
| ***\*IS 42: Social Media in Emergency Management*** |  |
| PER-304 NDPTC Social Media for Natural Disaster Response & Recovery |  |
| G 290/S 203: Basic Public Information Officer |  |
| G 291: Joint Information Center/Systems |  |
| S 403/L952/E388 Advanced Public Information Officer |  |

How did you find out about the COVOST Team? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Did someone refer you to COVOST? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been involved in a VOST Team Before? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which team(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you know anyone else who might be qualified to join COVOST? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU!