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2021 Fireworks Continuing Education

As a precaution to stop the community spread of COVID-19, the State Fire Marshal's office will not offer in-person Fireworks Continuing Education (CE) courses in 2021.

The State Fire Marshal has developed a free, online fireworks continuing education (CE) course. Completing this class satisfies the six-hour CE requirement for Fireworks Exhibitors. This course is available anytime on the Ohio Fire Academy website <https://www.ofots.com/>. Scroll down to "Individuals," click "Sign up now." Then, click "New User" or "Register" if you're a first-time user. Select "Start" next to Ohio Fireworks Continuing Education.

An electronic certificate of completion is available at the end of the online course and can be printed. Once completed, exhibitors can email their certificates of completion to the State Fire Marshal's Testing & Registration Bureau at webfmtr@com.state.oh.us

Background Checks

Fireworks exhibitors and assistants must complete an FBI background check every 36 months. To look up all approved Webcheck locations, such as your local sheriff's office, that conduct background checks in Ohio, [click here](#). Calling the location ahead of time is recommended in case an appointment is required due to COVID.

Be sure to request an FBI (federal) check. A BCI (state) check is not needed. Provide user code #121-08 so the background check is sent directly to the State Fire Marshal.

If you have questions, please contact the Testing and Registration Bureau at webfmtr@com.state.oh.us or 614-752-7126.