

All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) Course

Description:

This offering is a three day course, designed for all local, regional, tribal, and state/territory emergency response professionals and for support personnel with a communications background. It is designed to familiarize these professionals with the roles and responsibilities of a Communications Unit Leader (COML) under the NIMSICS and to provide hands-on exercises that reinforce the lecture materials. OEC offers this course jointly with FEMA/EMI, as "E-969, NIMS ICS All Hazards Communications Unit Leader."

Under the NIMS ICS structure, the COML is the focal point within the Communications Unit. This course provides DHS-approved and NIMS-compliant instruction to ensure that every state/territory has trained personnel capable of coordinating on-scene emergency communications during a multi-jurisdictional response or planned event. All OEC instructors are approved by DHS and have had extensive experience both as emergency responders and as COMLs.

The course is presented with facilitated lecture and hands-on exercises. It involves extensive interactive discussion and exercises. OEC/ICTAP instructors work through the discussions and exercises to explain in detail the processes used to achieve communication operability, interoperability, and how to incorporate additional communications solutions.

Selection Criteria:

NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position- Specific training should be completed by personnel who are *regularly* assigned to functional, support and/or unit leader positions, or by those persons who desire to seek qualifications in those positions. They should have supervisory and personnel management skills and knowledge of local communications and communications systems. Additionally they must possess knowledge of the local topography, system site locations and knowledge of their local, regional and State Communications Plan/contacts.

Prerequisites:

Required:

1. IS-100.b, *Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS), ICS-100;*
2. IS-200.b, *Incident Command System (ICS) for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents;*
3. ICS-300, *Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) for Expanding Incidents;*
4. IS-700.a, *National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction;*and
5. IS-800.b, *National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction.*

Recommended:

1. ICS-400, *Advanced Incident Command System (ICS), Command and General Staff—Complex Incidents*.

Instructors will review copies of the attendees' documents towards the prerequisites at the beginning of the workshop.

Course Length:3 days (24 hrs).

Maximum number of Students: 30.

Deliverables:

- Class and presentation materials, and
- Student workbook and informational CD.