

FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) Training

Starting in July 2007, all Disaster Service Responders will be encouraged to complete three core FEMA Incident Command System courses. Those volunteers serving in a leadership capacity or within the Partner Services activity will be required to complete these courses. This will allow responders to have a better understanding of incident command used by all first responders and allow for an easier integration with other agencies during a response. The three courses are as follows:

- Incident Command System (ICS) 100 Training:
Provides training on and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Incident Command System (ICS) 200 Training:
Provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the Incident Command System (ICS). The primary target audiences are response personnel at the supervisory level.
- Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) (IS-700):
Provides training on and resources for the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

Your first need to sign up and request a log in. Follow the FEMA training sign-up procedures for a log-on at : <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/downloads/VCHowTo.pdf>

Once you have your log in, look for the course you want to take at: <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. When you complete the course, print your course completions certificate for your records, and provide a copy Of completion certificate to the Chapter. The FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers more than forty independent study courses. These are self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. For most of the courses you will need to download and print the materials. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment. Each Independent Study Course includes lessons with practice exercises and a final examination. Students who score 75 percent or better are issued a certificate of achievement from EMI.