

Fact Sheet

Incident Command Training



Incident Command training has become a fundamental requirement and desire for countless organizations in both public and private sectors. Many entities have come to recognize the value of common incident management systems in recent years, and most emergency preparedness grants now require compliance with standardized ICS training.

The Rural Response Group provides various levels of ICS (or IS) training, using faculties with real-world experience in complex incident response and management. We work with clients to determine what levels are needed for which categories of their staffs, then to develop and execute a training plan that provides the desired results.

We work to deliver training schedules and packages that make sense for each client. We'll gladly conduct classes during day or afternoon/evening shifts and on weekends. We do not recommend training during overnight shifts, as those hours tend to be less effective for learning.

Although some of these courses are available as online training, many clients prefer live, interactive classroom training for many reasons. A classroom setting provides far superior comprehension and retention, a more natural and enjoyable learning experience, and opportunities for student interaction and answers from faculty. Workgroup training can provide the added benefit of a team-building experience, especially when it includes small group exercises as our courses do. Students who've previously taken the same level of training online often make comments such as: "Oh, now I get it!" This is the experience that inspired our slogan "*Competence, not just compliance*".

ICS 100 (Introductory)

This 1-hour course is intended for virtually anyone with a potential function during an emergency. It provides an introduction to the Incident Command System and provides the foundation for more advanced training. Content includes:

- The history of incident command systems
- Features and principles
- Organizational structure
- The relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

A variation on ICS 100 is available for healthcare facilities, building on required course content to include practical preparedness information for facilities, staff and families.

ICS 200 (Basic)

This 7-hour course in California (shorter elsewhere) is intended for those who may operate in a supervisory role in an ICS structure during a large-scale or complex emergency. It includes:

- Leadership & management
- Delegation of authority & management by objectives
- Functional areas & positions
- Briefings
- Organizational flexibility
- Transfer of command

Our most popular ICS offering is a **Combination 100 & 200** course. It can be conducted in a single eight-hour shift for convenient scheduling and rapid compliance. Other combinations are also available, including conducting 100 training for a group of any size, followed immediately by 200 training with its exercises for a smaller group, typically 40 or less. Larger groups can also be accommodated with a minimum of two instructors.

IS 700 (National Incident Management System Introduction)

This 3-hour course introduces the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the framework for coordinated response by all governmental, private sector and nongovernmental organizations at all levels. Core content includes these features:

- Area Command
- The Multiagency Coordination System
- Joint Information Systems (JIS) for public information
- Resource management
- Common communication and information management systems
- Technology and technology systems
- The NIMS Integration Center

IS 800 (National Response Framework Introduction)

This 3-hour course is intended for executives and leaders in government, the private sector and in nongovernmental organizations. It provides an overview for those who may need to work effectively alongside federal response entities for a successful response. Core content includes:

- The purpose of the National Response Framework
- The response doctrine established by the National Response Framework
- The roles and responsibilities of entities as specified in the National Response Framework
- The actions that support national response
- The response organizations used for multiagency coordination

ICS 300 (Intermediate) and 400 (Advanced) contact us for assistance.

All ICS courses delivered by the Group are fully compliant with federal and California standards.