TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Communications Unit Leader (COML)

September 19, 2022 to September 22, 2022

State Preparedness Training Center

Course Description

This service offering is designed for all state/territory, tribal, regional, and local emergency response professionals and for support personnel with a communications background. It is designed to familiarize these professionals with the role and responsibilities of a COML under NIMS ICS and to provide hands-on exercises that reinforce the lecture materials. CISA and FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offer this course jointly as “L0969, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader Course” for in-person courses and “K0969, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader Course” for virtual courses.

Under the NIMS ICS structure, a COML is the focal point within the Communications Unit. This course provides U.S. Department of Homeland Security (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. CISA instructors are approved by DHS and have had extensive experience as COMLs.

The course is presented with facilitated lectures, hands-on activities, and extensive interactive discussions. CISA instructors work through the discussions and activities to explain in detail the processes used to achieve communication operability, interoperability, and how to incorporate additional communications solutions.
Course Capacity

- In person: Minimum of 15 or a Maximum of 30 vetted/qualified students

Prerequisites for Attendance

*(Prerequisites must be verified two (2) weeks in advance of the course.)*

- Personal experience:
  - A public safety background with experience in field operations
  - A technical communications background
  - Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
  - Basic knowledge of applicable communications plans

- Completion of the following online courses from the FEMA/EMI website:
  - IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
  - IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
  - IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
  - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

- In-person classroom instruction:
  - ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, is required

- Additional recommended training:
  - ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command

Course Provider

This course will be taught by a team of NY State COMU Instructors, from the DHSES-OIEC, who have both practitioner and COMU experience.

Location

State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)
5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424

Cost

There is **NO FEE** for this course.  *Lunch will be provided.* Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.
Date & Times

September 19, 2022; Registration and Check-In: 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

September 19, 2022 – September 22, 2022; Course: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration Process

All student registrations will be reviewed by DHSES-OIEC and the SPTC with approvals sent to students NO LATER THAN 2 weeks prior to the start of the class. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the class. If you are not accepted into this course, you will receive a confirmation email from DHSES-OIEC.

To register for this course, access the New York State Learning Management System (LMS) portal on-line:


If you do not have a “User Account”, you may need to create one to register for the course.

No Show Policy

Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result on future course attendance and agency notification. If you have not received a confirmation or denial two (2) weeks prior to the course date, please contact DHSES-OIEC at (518) 281-6788, or mark.balistreri@dhses.ny.gov.

Lodging

Lodging will be provided on the nights of April 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, for public sector personnel.

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official work location are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you are public sector personnel. Lodging is not available for Federal Employees or private industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered, and you will not be allowed in the class.

If you have any questions, or need more information:

SPTC: Phone: (315) 768-5689; E-mail: SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov; Website: www.dhses.ny.gov/sptc

DHSES-OIEC: Mark Balistreri - Phone: (518) 281-6788; E-mail: mark.balistreri@dhses.ny.gov