



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Communications Technician (COMT)

November 28, 2022 to December 2, 2022

State Preparedness Training Center

Course Description

This class provides introductory and refresher training for the NIMS ICS COMT position. It introduces public safety professionals and support staff to various communications concepts and technologies including interoperable communications solutions, LMR communications, satellite, telephone, data, and computer technologies used in incident response and planned events. It is designed for state/territory, tribal, urban, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background.

Participants develop the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the COMT in an all-hazards incident, including responsibilities while operating in a local, regional, or state-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

The course is instructor-led and supports learning through discussion, lecture, and hands-on exercises to explain processes used for establishment and operation of the technical communications resources for an incident or planned event. The course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of a COMT. Each attendee receives a Position Task Book.



Course Capacity

- In person: Minimum of 8 or a Maximum of 16 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

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

November 28, 2022; Registration and Check-In: 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

November 28, 2022 – December 2, 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:

<https://lmsportal-dhses.ny.gov/acadisviewer/login.aspx>

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 November 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and December 1st, 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