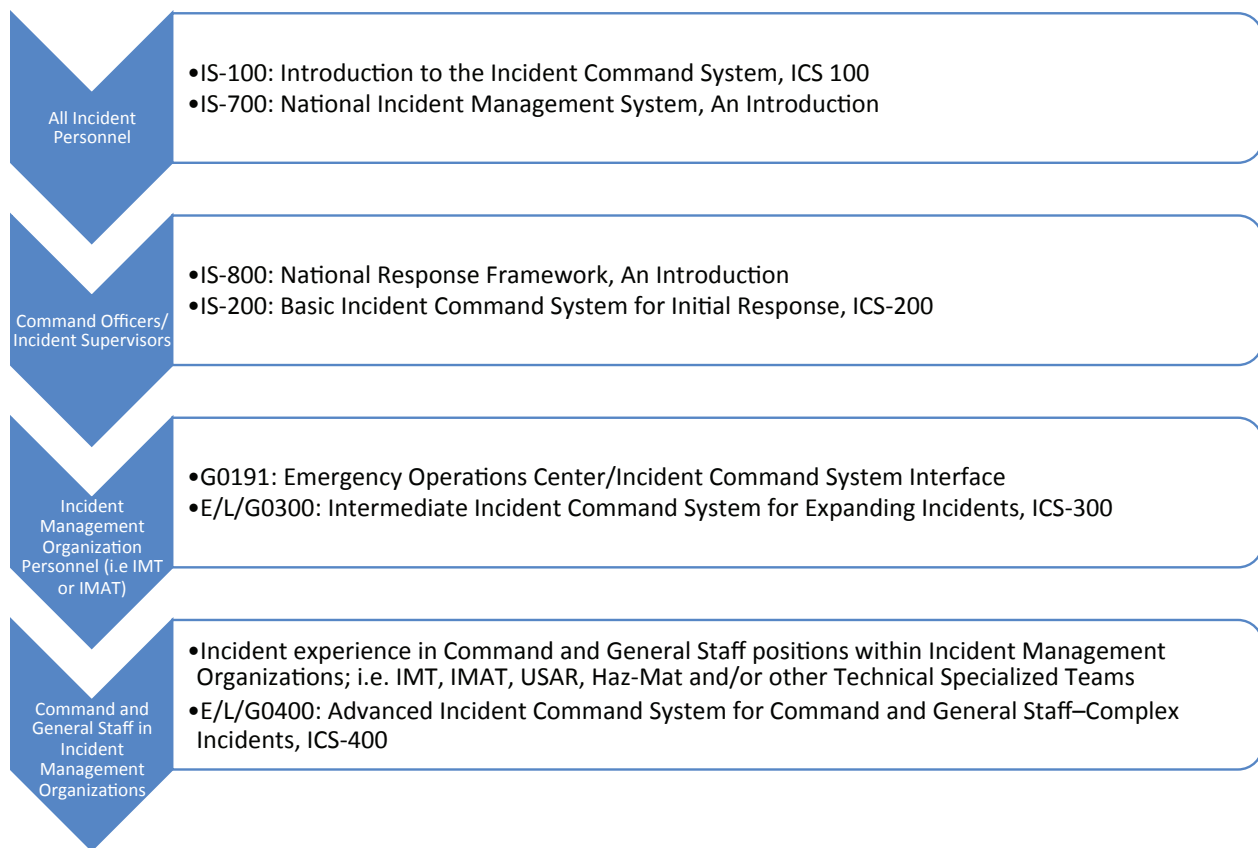


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ICS Training Guidance for NYS Fire Service

In 2017, FEMA revised NIMS to incorporate lessons learned, best practices, and changes in national policy, including updates to the National Preparedness System. Updated in 2020, the NIMS Training Program defines a national NIMS training curriculum and personnel qualifications, as well as training guidance for NIMS concepts and principles to incident personnel for developing their training plans. (FEMA, 2020) These changes incorporate significant changes to ICS core curriculum ***which changes the audience and alters recommendations for training guidance previously released to the fire service.***

Although the NIMS Training Program training guidelines are based on the individuals' level of incident responsibility rather than on agency, rank or discipline, OFPC has used their knowledge of the structure of the fire service and typical incident complexity in NYS to provide minimum training guidelines for the fire service across the state. These guidelines have been incorporated in OFPC's training programs and are also found in their Firefighter Training Best Practices document. Beyond qualification for different grants, it is important that fire service personnel be exposed to ICS training appropriate for their level of responsibility and experience. Although the fire department's AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) can recommend higher level of training than what is recommended below, it may be necessary to educate them in understanding that as FEMA Core Curriculum has changed, so did the audience.



* AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) can impose more restrictive training requirements