

Field Course Descriptions

To help you in your planning, the following courses are indicated as significant events in this calendar. Course dates and locations are subject to change.

SCEMD Courses

SC Emergency Management is committed to the best training possible and has chosen the following courses to offer in residence this fiscal year. All courses were selected with the input of local and state agencies to ensure a robust training program. Every course offered at SCEMD is tuition free and eligible students may be reimbursed for expenses while at training.

Fundamentals of Search and Rescue (FUNSAR): Week-long, physically demanding and mentally challenging course designed to train first responders in SAR operations in a wooded environment. Participants will be required to establish a base camp and conduct day and night search operations. Participants successfully completing this course will be prepared to pass the SAR Technician II exam for national certification. This course requires both the SCFA & SCEMD application forms. *40hrs.*

Disaster Assistance Workshops (DAW): These one-day workshops will be conducted throughout the state and are designed to make participants aware of all aspects of disaster recovery operations. Topics of discussion will include the disaster declaration process, damage assessment, management of donations, Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), Hazard Mitigation Grant, completing of required forms, and other related issues. *4hrs.*

Mitigation for Emergency Managers (G393): This course is designed to train emergency managers and other interested individuals who have no specialized technical background, but who can support mitigation efforts as advocates. It provides activities to: perform the tasks and responsibilities of the emergency manager's role; create long-term strategies for disaster-resistant communities; identify local mitigation opportunities; select mitigation solutions to hazard risk problems; and find resources to carry out mitigation activities in a post-disaster environment. *18 hrs*

Local Situation (RAPID) Assessment (G250.7): Communities can use the Resource Guide and Facilitator's Guide when developing the plan and procedures for rapidly and efficiently collecting disaster intelligence immediately following a disaster. This intelligence is used to prioritize

response activities, allocate available resources, and specifically request resources from other sources to save and sustain lives. *4hrs*

Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities (MGT 333): The goal of this course is to introduce a strategic universal functional planning approach to initiate special needs planning. This approach will emphasize the role of emergency management and provide examples of best practices, lessons identified, tools, resources, and other support aids. The course material includes discussions on the emergency planning process to support special needs populations. *12 hrs*

Operational Value of Threat, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment (MGT 336): This course will assist homeland security professionals from all emergency response disciplines responsible for managing risk to understand the use operationally of information gathered through various threat, risk and vulnerability assessment methodologies. Course content focuses on helping homeland security professionals analyze and apply information gathered in the assessment process to enhance operations including patrol and tactical operations, intelligence gathering, community programs, emergency planning, resource allocation, response to Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS), color-code changes, DHS Alerts, response and recovery, and selection of technology. *24 hrs*

Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role (G270.4): This workshop is designed for local government disaster recovery professionals. The session covers the roles, responsibilities and major tasks of each team member during short-and long-term recovery. *12hrs*

Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) Course (G290): A highly interactive course that includes workshops on writing, public speaking, media interviews, and awareness campaign development. Students will discuss media relations and public information planning. *16hrs.*

Incident Command Systems (ICS), Intermediate, (G300): This course covers organization and staffing, organizing for incidents and events, resource management and air operations. *24hrs*

Mass Fatalities Incident Response (G386): This course prepares local and State response personnel and other responsible agencies and professionals to handle mass fatalities effectively and to work with the survivors in an emergency or disaster. This course covers incident management, mass fatalities, planning before and operations during an incident, establishing the morgue, family assistance support operations, and assistance from the Federal government. *12 hrs*

Incident Command Systems (ICS), Advanced, (G400): This course expands upon the material covered in IS-100 through G300. It focuses on large, single-agency and complex multiagency/multijurisdictional incident response. The course addresses area command and staff issues, as well as the planning, logistical, and fiscal considerations associated with complex incident management and interagency coordination. *14hrs.*

Local Volunteer and Donations Management (G288): This workshop addresses the planning considerations and operational requirements for an effective donations management system at the local level. A special emphasis is put on the importance of collaborative partnerships between local government, voluntary agencies, and community organizations as the key to success in volunteer and donations management. *12hrs*

SCEMD Courses Offered Through the South Carolina Fire Academy

Emergency response training conducted in cooperation with the South Carolina Fire Academy and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is held at the Academy in Columbia and in various locations throughout the state. These courses are listed in the SC Fire Academy brochure *Emergency Response Training* and the Academy website: <http://www.scfa.state.sc.us>. Attendance at these courses is not limited to fire service professionals. Anyone meeting the stated prerequisites for each course will be considered for admittance. SC Fire Academy applications must be sent directly to the Fire Academy. The SC Fire Academy application form can be filled out and downloaded at the Academy website: <http://www.scfa.state.sc.us>.

Courses held at the South Carolina Fire Academy:

These courses, when funded by SCEMD, are equally available to EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Rescue and Fire Service personnel. There is no cost for tuition. Room and meals are provided at no cost for these courses. Check the Academy catalog or website for dates and prerequisites. SCEMD funded courses are identified by a (▼) symbol in the Fire Academy catalog and website.

Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher (2719) – *16 hrs.*

Hazardous Materials Technician (2723) – *40 hrs.*

Emergency Response to Chlorine Incidents (2736) – *16 hrs.*

Rope Rescue Operations (3310) – *16 hrs.*

Confined Space Entry (3390) – *24 hrs.*

Confined Space Rescue (3392) – *16 hrs.*

Chemistry for Emergency Response (2180) – *80 hrs.*

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Confined Space Entry (3390) – *24 hrs.*

Confined Space Rescue (3392) – *16 hrs.*

Emergency Response to Chlorine Incidents (2736) – *16 hrs.*

Hazardous Materials Operations (2722) – *24 hrs.*

Hazardous Materials Technician (2723) – *40 hrs.*

Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher (2719) – *16 hrs.*

Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher (2726) – *8 hrs.*

NIMS/ICS for the Fire Service (2147) – *16 hrs*

Rope Rescue Operations (3310) – *16 hrs*

Independent Study Courses

The Independent Study Program (ISP) is offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Distance Learning Section. This program offers training free of charge to the nation's emergency management network and the general public. It serves as both an alternative means to deliver valuable training to the professional and volunteer emergency management community, as well as an opportunity to improve public awareness and promote disaster preparedness.

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The Independent Study Program offers over 60 training courses through EMI's training website. FEMA's Independent Study Program offers courses that support the nine mission areas identified by the National Preparedness Goal.

Check the EMI website for a current list of available courses. Course materials may be obtained by downloading course materials via the Internet at <http://training.fema.gov> or by writing to:

FEMA - Emergency Management Institute
Independent Study Program
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Phone: 1-800-238-3358 Fax: (301) 447-1201
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/>

Each course includes a final examination, and those who score 75 percent or better are issued a certificate of completion by the Emergency Management Institute. There is no charge for enrollment. Average course completion time is 10-12 hours. One semester hour of college credit may be obtained for most courses. Prerequisites are successful completion of the course and submission of an application for credit along with a fee. Further details can be obtained from the FEMA Independent Study Program Administrative Office at the address above.

Professional Development Series

In most communities, the strength of the emergency management system is related directly to the skills of the local emergency management professionals. The Professional Development Series (PDS) has been the central focus for training the emergency management workforce. The PDS includes seven EMI independent study courses that provide a well-rounded set of fundamentals for those in the emergency management profession. Many students build on this foundation to develop their careers. Those who complete all 7 courses are eligible to receive a PDS certificate of completion from FEMA.

National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Developed by the Secretary of Homeland Security at the request of the President, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) integrates effective practices in emergency preparedness and response into a comprehensive national framework for incident management. The NIMS will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively to manage domestic incidents no matter what the cause, size, or complexity. The State, counties, and municipalities have adopted NIMS through resolution or order, mandating the management of all incidents utilizing NIMS and Incident Command System (ICS). All first responders and disaster workers are required to complete ICS-100 and IS-700. First line supervisors must complete ICS-200; middle managers must also complete ICS-300 and IS-800; and command and general staff must also complete ICS-400. More information on NIMS can be found at: http://www.scemd.org/Library/NIMS/training_requirements.html and <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>

FEMA/NPD/NIC/TED

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), National Integration Center (NIC), Training and Education Division (TED), is the new name given to the former office of Grants and Training (G&T) Training Division under the reorganization directed in the "Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act". TED serves the nation's first responder community offering more than 100 courses to help build skills that responders need to effectively function in mass consequence events. TED primarily serves state, local, and tribal entities in ten professional disciplines, but has expanded to serve private sector and citizens in recognition of their critical role in domestic preparedness. Instruction is offered at the Awareness, Performance, and Management/Planning levels. The Training and Exercise Integration (TEI) Course Catalog can be downloaded at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/training_catalog.htm. Application instructions for the courses can be found in the TEI Course Catalog and at our website, <http://www.scemd.org/Training/courses.html>.

Directions to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division:

Directions to EMD from the East:

Take I-20 or Hwy 378/76 west to I-77 South. Take exit 1 to the top of the hill and cross Hwy 321 (21/176) on to Fish Hatchery Road. EMD is located approx 2.5 miles on the left side of the road on top of the hill.

Directions from the Southeast:

Take I-26 west to exit 115. Turn left on to Hwy 321 (21/176). At the top of the hill turn right on to Fish Hatchery Road. EMD is located approx 2.5 miles on the left side of the road on top of the hill.

Directions to EMD from the West:

Take I-20, US Hwy 378/76 or US Hwy 1 East to I-26 East, take exit 115, turn right on to Hwy 321 (21/176). At top of hill turn right on to Fish Hatchery Road. EMD is located approx 2.5 miles on the left side of the road on top of the hill.

Directions to EMD from the Northwest:

Take I-26 East to exit 115. Turn right on to Hwy 321 (21/176). At the top of the hill turn right on to Fish Hatchery Rd. EMD is located approx 2.5 miles on the left side of the road on top of the hill.

