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Happy New Year! 2025

Trainings

Advanced ICS-400 for Complex Incidents

January 14 & 15, 2025

Phillipi, WV

This course is designed for those emergency response personnel who would function as part of Area Command, Emergency Operations Center, or Multiagency Coordination System during a large, complex incident or event, or those personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command. Flyer Registration

Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT)

January 20-21, 2025

Huntington, WV

The MERRTT Program allows students to develop an understanding of radiological basics, radiological survey instruments, shipping packages and decontamination techniques. The course includes several hands-on activities including the use of radiation detection equipment and the use of "live" radiation sources to reinforce learning. Flyer

Technician Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (TMERRTT)

January 22, 2025

Huntington, WV

This is an 8-hour course at the radiological hazard technician level training program and is aligned with specific radiological competencies listed in NFPA 472 for a technician level and agent specific responder. The course includes advanced level training on radiological instrument operation, radiological detector selection and limitations. In addition to the classroom training, students will participate in field hands-on drills. During these drills, students establish an incident command structure, assign response positions, and develop objectives for each of the field drills. Flyer

ICS – 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

January 27-29, 2025

Winfield, WV

A 3-day course designed for those emergency response personnel who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a large, complex incident or event, or personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command.

Flyer Registration

Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions – G2300

February 4-6, 2025

Wheeling, WV

Hosted by the WV Emergency Management Division. This course is designed to 1) examine the role, design, and function of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and their supportive relationship as a NIMS Command and Coordination component of a Multi-Agency Coordination System; 2) provide training about staffing, organization, information, systems, communications, and

equipment needs at the EOC, such activating and deactivating, operations, as well as training and exercising; and 3) focus on the role of an EOC as one of four NIMS Command and Coordination functional groups.

Course Announcement Registration

Search and Rescue Skills for First Responders

February 28-March 2, 2025

Lewisburg, WV

Search and Rescue Skills for First Responders (SFR) is a 20-hour course designed to equip participants with awareness, basic knowledge and the introductory skills necessary to effectively initiate and respond to a missing Person mission. Students will be exposed to Search Operations, method for establishing the 'search area, an overview of SAR skills (management, Lost Person Behavior, Tracking, Search Team Leader and Search Team member) Land Navigation (with and Without Technology) Clue Awareness, Patient Packaging and Litter handling. This course emphasizes a board -overview of many SAR related skills using classroom instruction, practical exercises and hands on learning. Flyer

AWR – 232: Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities

March 12-13, 2025

Virtual

AWR 232 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course. The goal of this course is to teach participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm solutions to simulated emergencies. Responding to a mass fatality incident, which includes the recovery, identifications, and reunification of the deceased, is one of the most difficult aspects of disaster response. In times of crisis, small, rural, and tribal communities are often ill-equipped with facilities to manage large numbers of casualties. Flyer

Cyber Resilience Workshop

March 20, 2025

Virtual

West Virginia Healthcare Coalitions partnered with the Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) to provide a series of cybersecurity trainings. Cyber Resilience was originally scheduled for Dec. 5th but had to be postponed to March 20, 2025. It is part of a complete package of cybersecurity training for WV. Mark your calendars for this great educational workshop. The WV Cybersecurity approach

SAVE THE DATE – Pediatric Symposium 2025

October 5-8, 2025

Glen Jean, WV

Emergency Medical Services for Children has released the date and location of the 2025 Pediatric Symposium and are asking you to Save The Date. More details will be released in 2025. There is also a call for instructors for the 2025 symposium. More information is available Here.

Tools and Resources

Previously Recorded Engagement Session from HHS

Informational Briefing on IV Fluid Conservation Best Practices Watch

Hear from HHS, as well as hospital and group purchasing organization industry leaders, for an informational briefing on strategies to conserve intravenous fluid (IV) products that are in shortage and may be further impacted until Baxter's North Cove, NC facility is operational.

The Release of Updated Course IS-201.A

The first course in a multi-year revision project is live: IS-201.a: Forms Used for the Development of the Incident Action Plan and Incident Management.

It takes a deeper look at the forms used in the Incident Action Plan, the foundational forms, as well as commonly used forms for incident response and event planning. Content on each ICS Form in the new revision is being designed to assist responders with speed to competency and build upon previous learning.

The course is organized in smaller learning chunks, with each ICS form useable as stand-alone micro-learning content. Each micro-learning topic in the new course will enable students to take a deeper look into each ICS form to learn about the purpose, detailed preparation, and distribution of the form.

The old IS-201 course will remain active until January 31, 2025. Future NIMS ICS Position Specific courses will require the completion of IS-201.a as a prerequisite training.

NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. It defines operational systems that guide how personnel work together during incidents. <u>Learn More</u>

The Standard Response Protocol & The Standard Reunification Method Train the Trainer Workshop

February 12, 2025

South Charleston, WV

The Full Day Train the Trainer Workshop introduces participants to the history, concepts and functionality of the SRP and SRM and how to train the programs internally. Participants will walk away from the workshop with a deep understanding of how the SRP provides a proven, action-based enhancement to all hazards school safety planning. After learning about the five actions of the SRP, and their associated directives, participants will be able to implement the program and enhance the safety plans of their school/ district. Additionally, participants will gain an understanding of the proven methods for planning, practicing and achieving a successful reunification using the SRM. They will leave the workshop with the ability to organize a reunification team in their school/district and create an effective reunification plan. More Information Registration

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness – MGT-439

March 20-21, 2025

Charleston, WV

Sponsored by the WV Center for Threat Preparedness. This course is a tuition-free training opportunity presented by Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). A 2010 report by the National Commission on Children and Disasters identified a training gap for emergency responders, first receivers, and emergency management personnel that reduced their effectiveness in responding to pediatric patients and their unique needs/considerations. This course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, small group exercises, and a table-top exercise. Flyer and Registration

Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities AWR-232

March 25, 2025

Dunbar, WV More Information

March 27, 2025

Morgantown, WV More Information

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Self-Paced Courses and Resources

FEMAs Emergency Management Institute

For all individuals who are new to their emergency management role or for those who want to refresh their knowledge in the Incident Command System. These courses are Independent Study so you can work on them at your own pace, but they are highly recommended for anyone in an Emergency Management position.

- ICS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ICS 200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- ICS 700 An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

ICS 800 – National Response Framework, An Introduction

Other Coalition Activities

Contact your Regional Coordinator for meeting links and passwords.

Regional Meetings:

Region 1 - March 13, 2025 @ Raleigh County Health Department with a virtual option

Region 2 - March 6, 2025 - Virtual

Region 3 4 – February 27, 2025 – Virtual

Region 5 - February 4, 2025 - Virtual

Region 6 7 - February 14, 2025 - Virtual

Region 8 9 – January 16, 2025 – Virtual

Region 10 | 11 - February 13, 2025 - Virtual

Exercises:

MARCH 25, 2025 - MRSE Statewide Exercise *HOLD this NEW DATE*

**Every facility must register to participate with a Point of Contact (POC) person, a Facilitator AND an Evaluator. POC can double as one of those. Registration will open near the end of January.

APRIL 3, 2025 – WebEOC Facility Status Update Drill

Regional Coordinators will begin having WebEOC Mini-Drills each month beginning in January 2025 to assist
coalition members with becoming more familiar with how to use basic functions in the system. Watch for
information from your coordinator announcing the dates for your region.



