

National Incident Management System (NIMS)
Incident Command System (ICS)

Training Course Descriptions
and Applications to VHA

ICS Management Elements

- **Agency Executive** – 10, VISN and VAMC Directors
 - Set overall policies and priorities.
- **Policy Coordination Entity** - Program Officials and Key Operating Unit Managers
 - Support the Agency Executive and the IMT with technical assistance and program coordination.
- **Incident Management Team** – EMSHG, 10N, VISN and VAMC staff
 - Staff the VHACO, VISN and VAMC Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) and Response Support Unit (RSU)
 - Develop the Incident Action Plan
 - Provide the Situation Briefings and Operations Briefings.

ICS Management Element – ICS Course Crosswalk

- Agency Executives → 402
- Policy Coordinating Entity → 100, 200, 700, 800
staff
- IMT staff → 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800
- Health care and → 100
engineering staff deployed
under strike team or task
force arrangements

VHACO, VISN & VAMC

ICS 100

- ICS-100, Introduction to ICS, orients the student to the Incident Command System. The course covers:
 - Purpose of ICS
 - Basic features of ICS
 - Incident Commander and command staff functions
 - General staff functions
 - Facilities
 - Common responsibilities
- Available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm>

ICS 200

- ICS 200, Basic ICS, provides the student with the ability to describe an ICS organization appropriate to the complexity of an incident, and to use ICS in managing an incident or event. The course covers:
 - Leadership and management
 - Delegations of authority and management by objectives
 - Functional areas and positions
 - Briefings
 - Organizational flexibility
 - Transfer of Command
- Available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm>

ICS 300

- ICS-300, Intermediate ICS, provides the student with the knowledge of how NIMS ICS is used to manage an expanding incident, and how to apply the incident action planning process. The course covers:
 - ICS fundamentals review
 - Unified command
 - Incident/event assessment and establishing objectives
 - Resource management
 - Planning process
 - Demobilization, transfer of command and close out
- Available in classroom delivery only

ICS 400

- ICS 400, Advanced ICS, provides the student with the ability to describe how ICS is used to manage complex incidents. The course covers:
 - ICS fundamentals review for command and general staff
 - Major/complex incident management
 - Area command
 - Multi-agency coordination
- Available in classroom delivery only

ICS 402

- ICS-402, ICS Summary for Executives, provides the student with an understanding of ICS and how it applies to their organizations. The course describes the:
 - ICS terminology.
 - Role and major responsibilities of the Executive relative to ICS.
 - Various ways ICS can be applied.
 - Basic ICS organization and the responsibilities of command and general staff
 - Differences between the ICS organization and the activities accomplished by Area Commands, Emergency Operating Centers (EOCs), and Multi-agency Coordination Entities.
- Will be on-line but is not available at this time.

IS - 700

- Independent Study (IS) 700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), provides the student with an understanding of the various NIMS components:
 - Command and Management (Incident Command System)
 - Preparedness.
 - Resource management.
 - Communications and Information management.
 - Supporting technologies.
- Available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm>

IS - 800

- IS – 800, National Response Plan (NRP), provides the student with an awareness level understanding of the structure and function of the NRP. The course covers:
 - NRP overview and correlation to NIMS
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Coordinating structures
 - Field level organization and teams
 - Incident management actions
 - Implementation
- Available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm>

Emergency Management Training Resources

- Emergency Management Program Guidebook (vaww.ceosh.med.va.gov)
 - Section 9, Education, Training and Exercises
- Emergency Management Principles and Practices for Healthcare Systems curriculum (www.va.gov/emshg)
 - Emergency Management Programs
 - Incident Command System
 - Healthcare System Response and Recovery
 - Instruction, Exercises, Evaluation & Organizational Learning
 - Glossary and Competency Framework

Questions?

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