

G-191, Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface Course

Although several systems exist throughout the nation for the command and control of resources required in disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) uses the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as the primary model for coordinating disaster operations. In addition, the Incident Command system (ICS) has gained recognition as an on-scene management system for use in State and local emergency response.

The interrelatedness of these two operational modes, over a wide range of State and local organizations and the full spectrum of hazards, has created a need for a training activity that addresses the “interface” issues between “all-hazard” ICS operations and EOC coordination activities.

Local public officials need to understand the complexity of preparedness, response, and recovery issues. Specifically, they need to understand the complexity of making critical life-saving decisions in fast-building crisis operations. This course focuses on one possible trouble spot – coordination between on-scene incident management (the ICS) and the central location for local government coordination and decision making (the EOC).

This course reviews the ICS and EOC models of emergency management operations, including coordination, communication, and chief executive decision making. It enhances knowledge and skills needed for clarifying roles, responsibilities, and relationships prior to a disaster through small-group and large-group exercises. The audience for this course should include emergency managers and responders who must operationalize the ICS/EOC interface in the field.

Prerequisites:

- IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-200 Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents