

G-556, Local Damage Assessment Course

Course Description:

Information gathered during damage assessment identifies needs, helps set priorities, and drives response and recovery actions. This snapshot of the extent and location of damage provides information for the public as well as documentation necessary for the pursuit of additional resources from contracts and mutual aid and/or from state and Federal agencies. The thoroughness and efficiency of the damage assessment process sets the tone for the entire response/recovery operation because it provides information about the impact of the event on the entire community.

This course will equip local officials with the knowledge, understanding, and skills they need to be able to conduct rapid and effective needs and damage assessments in order to save lives and protect property.

Course Objectives

Define the purpose of damage assessment.

Define the basic terms related to damage assessment.

List critical infrastructure and key resources in a community.

Prerequisites: None