



# IS-700.A: National Incident Management System, An Introduction

Student Manual

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**Purpose** This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

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**Course Objective** The course objective is to enable you to demonstrate basic knowledge of NIMS.

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**Training Content** The training is comprised of the following units:

- Unit 1: Course Overview
  - Unit 2: Understanding NIMS
  - Unit 3: NIMS Preparedness
  - Unit 4: NIMS Communications and Information Management
  - Unit 5: NIMS Resource Management
  - Unit 6: NIMS Command and Management
  - Unit 7: Additional Resources and Course Summary
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# Unit 1: Course Overview

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**Objectives**

At the end of this unit, you should be able to describe the purpose of the course.

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**Scope**

- Unit Introduction
  - Course Objectives
  - Participant Introductions
  - Expectations: Participant and Instructor
  - Course Logistics
  - Successful Course Completion
  - NIMS Document Orientation
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**Unit 1**  
**Course Overview**

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## Key Points

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This course will introduce you to the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

This course provides a basic introduction to NIMS. It is not designed to replace Incident Command System and position-specific training.

## Course Objectives

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### Describe:

- The intent of NIMS.
- The key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.
- The purpose of the NIMS components.
- The purpose of the National Integration Center (NIC).



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## Key Points

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At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the intent of NIMS.
- Describe the key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.
- Describe the purpose of the NIMS components including:
  - Preparedness
  - Communications and Information Management
  - Resource Management
  - Command and Management
- Describe the purpose of the National Integration Center (NIC).

## Participant Introductions

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- Name, job title, and organization
- Overall experience with emergency or incident response



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## Key Points

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Introduce yourself by providing:

- Your name, job title, and organization.
- Your overall experience with emergency or incident response.

## Expectations

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What do you  
expect to gain from  
this course?



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## Key Points

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Answer the following question:

**What do you expect to gain from this course?**

## Instructor Expectations

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- Cooperate with the group.
- Be open minded to new ideas.
- Participate actively in all of the training activities and exercises.
- Return to class at the stated time.



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## Key Points

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Your instructor expects that you will:

- Cooperate with the group.
- Be open minded to new ideas.
- Participate actively in all of the training activities and exercises.
- Return to class at the stated time.

## Course Logistics

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- Course agenda
- Sign-in sheet
- Housekeeping:
  - Breaks
  - Message and telephone location
  - Cell phone policy
  - Facilities
  - Other concerns



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## Key Points

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Your instructor will review the following information:

- Course agenda
- Sign-in sheet

Your instructor will review the following housekeeping issues:

- Breaks
- Message and telephone location
- Cell phone policy
- Facilities
- Other concerns

## Successful Course Completion

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- **Participate in unit activities/exercises.**
- **Achieve 75% or higher on the final exam.**
- **Complete the end-of-course evaluation.**



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## Key Points

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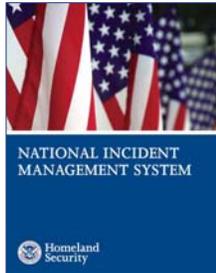
In order to successfully complete this course, you must:

- Participate in unit activities/exercises.
- Achieve 75% or higher on the final exam.
- Complete the end-of-course evaluation.

The next unit will provide an overview of the National Incident Management System.

## NIMS Document Orientation

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### Instructions:

- Turn to the NIMS document located at the end of your Student Manual.
- Familiarize yourself with the document's organization. In particular, locate the:
  - Table of Contents
  - Appendixes
  - Glossary
- Refer to the document, as needed, throughout the course.



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## Key Points

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Spend a few moments looking through the NIMS document to become familiar with its organization. Each unit in this course corresponds to certain segments of the NIMS document.

Refer to the NIMS document and its glossary, as needed, throughout the course.