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Course: *E0948 – Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture (SA/COP)*

Two Course Offerings/Dates:

Monday, April 11, 2016 – Thursday, April 14, 2016;
Monday, July 25, 2016 – Thursday, July 28, 2016

Course Length:

This course is 4 full days in length (2.7 CEUs); start and end times 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Travel Dates:

Sunday, April 10, 2016 and Friday, April 15, 2016;
Sunday, July 24, 2016 and Friday, July 29, 2016

Location:

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
National Emergency Training Center (NETC)
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Course Description:

Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) support the Communications and Information Management component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Individuals and organizations at all levels of response have a responsibility to both contribute to and use reliable information as a part of incident response efforts. Despite the importance of maintaining SA/COP for all types of incidents, there are very few resources available for individuals seeking to improve their understanding and capabilities in this area. Existing resources are heavily skewed towards military and intelligence perspectives on SA/COP. The SA/COP course is designed to improve skills, knowledge, and capabilities of individuals and organizations involved in domestic emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

Course Goal:

The primary goal of the SA/COP course is to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the concepts, relationships, challenges, and opportunities inherent to establishing and maintaining SOP/COP. Participants should leave the course with ideas and concepts for improving SA/COP in their own organizations and jurisdictions.

Course Design:

The SA/COP course will consist of classroom-based lecture, small-group activities, and a series of exercise-based activities for cognitive learning. Small-group activities and exercise-based activities will reinforce the concepts taught during lectures. Exercise-based activities will use a "progressive approach" – each individual exercise-based activity will slowly build participant knowledge of the scenario and will ultimately culminate in a facilitated table top exercise on the final day of course instruction.

Prerequisite:

The following course completions are recommended prior to this course:

- IS 0100.b – Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS), I-100
- IS 0200.b – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS 0700.a – National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
- IS 0704 – NIMS Communications and Information Management

Target Audience:

This course is for emergency management, emergency medical services, fire, law enforcement, government administrative, hazardous materials, health care, public health, public safety communications, public works personnel, or any emergency management/response personnel that would be dealing with SA/COP during an incident. (The course is limited to 30 participants.)

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Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Student Stipends:

Student stipend funding will be provided to reimburse students for the cost of transportation. Lodging will be provided by NETC. The NETC provides bus shuttles to and from major airports in the Washington–Baltimore area for students at no cost, and a schedule of transportation times is provided. Incidentals, rental cars, and local transportation costs are not reimbursable.

Application Deadline:

Participants can apply to EMI courses any time up to 5 weeks before the start of the course. For participants who apply early, acceptance letters will be sent 8 weeks prior to the start of the course.

To Apply:

Complete FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application, with a student signature and signature of supervisor or sponsoring agency official. Submit the application through the State Emergency Management Training office which will mail, scan, or fax it to:

NETC Admissions Office, Room I-216
National Emergency Training Center
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998
Phone: (301) 447-1035
Fax: (301) 447-1658
Email: netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

Scan the QR Code, or click the link to get information on how to apply for EMI courses:

http://training.fema.gov/Apply/

Application Review:

In order to be evaluated for admission into this course, block #16 on the application form must be completed. Please refer to the student selection criteria listed below and indicate how you meet the requirements based upon your position and experience.

Upon acceptance into the course, NETC Admissions will mail out an Acceptance Letter/Welcome Package outlining travel information, NETC shuttle services, lodging and other logistics. Scan the QR Code, or click the link for a PDF copy of the NETC Welcome Package online:

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/downloads/NETC_Welcome_Package.pdf

Lodging is provided for course participants on the NETC campus. Participants staying overnight on campus are required to purchase a meal ticket for the duration of the training activity. Notify the NETC Transportation Office at least 2 weeks prior to the course date to reserve a seat. Call (301) 447-1048, ext. 1113, or email FEMA-netc-housing@fema.dhs.gov.

Selection Criteria:

The audience includes emergency management, emergency medical services, fire, law enforcement, government administrative, hazardous materials, health care, public health, public safety communications, public works personnel, or any emergency management/response personnel that would be dealing with SA/COP during an incident.

Notice to Applicants for EMI courses:

Individuals applying for EMI classes will be required to register using the FEMA Student Identification (SID) number. This number will be used in place of the Social Security Number (SSN) on your application form. **The SSN is no longer required**.

How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?

Step 1: To register, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid
Step 2: Click on the "Need a FEMA SID" button on the right side of the screen.
Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.
Step 4: You will receive an email with your SID number. You should save this number in a secure location.

For continual updates on other EMI courses, please sign up for **our free e-mail subscription service** at: http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/

EMI Point of Contact:

For additional information on course content, please contact Paul F. Ganem at (301) 447-1172, or email Paul.Ganem@fema.dhs.gov; Inquiries about admissions should be directed to the NETC Admissions at: (301) 447-1478 or email: NETCadmissions@fema.dhs.gov.