Course: *L0105 Public Information and Warning*

Course Dates:
February 3 - 4, 2020

Travel Dates:
February 2 and 5, 2020

Course Length:
This course is two days in length.

Location:
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive
Reisterstown MD 21136

Course Description:
This course introduces participants to what the Public Information Officer (PIO) does in emergency management, along with basic information about the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). The PIO topics covered include the role of the PIO; communication tools and resources encompassing social media; effective communication; preparing the community through outreach and other means; and communication in an incident. The IPAWS topics covered include what the system is and does, preparing alert and warning messages, and writing common alerting protocol messages. This is a two-day classroom course that gives participants time to perform activities and exercises to reinforce the knowledge and build basic skills.

It is mandatory that the participant complete all 16 hours of this course to receive full credit. Anything less will result in the participant's need to re-register for another course and start from the beginning.

Course Goal:

The goal of this course is to enhance the jurisdiction's public information and warning core capability.

Prerequisites:
If a participant is taking this course as part of the Academy, then he or she should take E0101, Foundations of Emergency Management, first (but not required). If a participant is taking this course on its own for its public information and warning information and not in fulfillment of the Academy requirements, there are no prerequisites.

Continuing Education Units (CEU's):
EMI awards 1.6 CEUs for completion of this course.

Target Audience:
This course is intended for newly appointed emergency managers from Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies, and prospective professionals transferring from another discipline to emergency management.

How to Register for the Course:
MEMA LMS (https://memamaryland.csod.com/)

To Apply:
Complete a FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application form with student signature and signature of supervisor or sponsoring agency official. Submit the application through the State Emergency Management Training Office.

Scan the QR Code, or click the link to download the application:

Out of State Students:
Must obtain the approval and signature of their Sponsoring Organization and their State Training Officer.

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 Target Audience above and indicate how you meet the requirements based upon your position and experience.

Lodging Information:
Hotels near MEMA
(https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab7f8ee31-a3e4-4871-bbf0-2ed1caa10a2a)

Cost/Reimbursement Information:
EMI does not provide stipend reimbursement for off-campus course deliveries.

Notice to Applicants for EMI courses:
Individuals applying for EMI classes will be required to register using the FEMA Student Identification (SID) number.

How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?
Step 1: Register (https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)
Step 2: Click on the "Register for a FEMA SID" button on screen.
Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.

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