

Emergency Response

Strengthening Cooperative Efforts Among Public and Private Sector Entities



Training Level: Performance
Format: Instructor-Led Direct Delivery
Enrollment: Minimum 16/Maximum 30
Hours: 8 CEU: .8

Institute for Corporate and Public Safety

Course Description:

Recent disasters in today's world have heightened the need for public and private sector entities to work together toward developing strategies for mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. Critical infrastructure entities are of paramount concern in this national effort because they provide the essential goods and services that Americans depend on to maintain a safe and comfortable lifestyle.

Because the well-being of this great nation is dependent upon the continued success of the private sector, the Institute of Corporate and Public Safety (ICPS) partnered with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Tyson Foods, Inc. and J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. and public sector First Responders with the intent of strengthening critical infrastructure emergency management capabilities nationwide.

This seminar, targeted toward key members of the community, both public and private, brings the community together to strengthen collective emergency management capabilities within the context of critical infrastructure disasters. Its purpose is threefold:

1. To foster information-sharing and sustainable partnerships among private and public sector groups.
2. To clarify private and public sector roles and responsibilities within the National Strategy for Homeland Security.
3. To develop strategies for mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters within a national framework.

Course Objectives:

- List commonalities between Business Continuity and Emergency Management.
- Describe local and private sector roles and responsibilities in Emergency Management.
- Describe the National Strategy for Homeland Security.
- Create an incident action plan (IAP).
- Prioritize response considerations associated with terrorist incidents.
- Test emergency response skills via a tabletop exercise.

Course Benefits:

Outlined below is a list of benefits you and your organization can expect to acquire by taking this seminar.

Increased safety – partnerships with public sector entities (i.e. Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Public Works) will strengthen disaster mitigation and response capabilities by allowing for pre-incident information sharing that will prevent incidents and/or decrease the devastating effects of incidents in the workplace.

Increased financial security – inclusion of public sector entities in your business continuity planning process will provide you with the resources needed to speed up organizational recovery time and decrease your risk of folding in the wake of disaster.

Decrease liability – joint-training exercises with public sector entities will provide you with the knowledge needed to increase safety in the workplace, thus decreasing liability.

Scope and Course Outline:

Lessons 1 through 3 - will be delivered to you by an instructor who is educated and experienced in a First Response discipline. In these lessons, you will learn how to work within a national framework while mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. All three lessons provide activities that will help you apply what you learn.

Activities in Lesson 1 involve working together to acquire an understanding of the Emergency Management Cycle while identifying your roles and responsibilities within a local emergency management framework.

Lesson 2 involves identifying your roles and responsibilities in accordance with the National Strategy for Homeland Security and creating an Incident Action Plan (IAP).

Activities in Lesson 3 involve discussing and prioritizing response functions associated with terrorist incidents. At the end of each lesson, you will find a "Lesson Review" that will help you remember the most important points.

Lesson 4 is a hands-on tabletop simulation facilitated by an experienced first responder, giving you the opportunity to apply the knowledge you acquired in Lessons 1, 2, &, 3. Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to work within a national framework while responding to a critical infrastructure incident, and return to your agency, organization, or business and implement the concepts and protocols discussed and practiced in the course.

Primary Audience:

This course is designed to meet the response needs of private and public sector entities of various disciplines and levels to include:

- Local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, hazmat, and emergency medical personnel.
- Members of all public, governmental, and non-governmental agencies involved in first response.
- Representatives of volunteer organizations and other community groups.
- Small business owners through enterprise corporation management personnel responsible for planning for and/or responding to emergencies.
- Physical security managers and personnel.

Senior level commanders/supervisors (Chief of Police, Battalion Fire Chief, etc.) likely have extensive knowledge in the concepts and frameworks being delivered. Their participation is highly valued in better strengthening the efforts with the public sector through sharing of their experiences with the other participants.

Prerequisites:

This is an entry level course; there are no prerequisite courses required.

Completion of a participant application form.

Certificate:

Northwest Arkansas Community College – Institute for Corporate and Public Safety training certificate

Affiliates:

United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Grants and Training (G&T)

To Schedule a Class:

ICPS is eager to work with you and your organization to schedule training at a time and location that is convenient for you. Classroom rental and instructors/experts are provided by ICPS at no cost. Continental breakfast and lunch for participants is included with the training. The current schedule of classes and registration forms are available on the web at http://icps.nwacc.edu/ICPS_Campus.php

For more information, or to schedule a class, contact ICPS training coordinator Doug Germann, at (479) 619-4172 or (479) 619-4170.

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