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SUBJECT: WHAT IS NIMS AND ICS TRAINING?

The [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents.

Components of the NIMS includes Resource Management, Command and Coordination, and Communication and information Management. Although ARES initiatives can be found in all components of NIMS, most people focus training in Command and Control which includes the Incident Command System (ICS), Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), Multiagency Coordination Centers (MACS) and Joint Information Systems (JIS)

Everyone should begin their training by completing NIMS IS-700. IS-700 is an Introduction to the National Incident Management System which provides an overview of NIMS and defines the comprehensive approach guiding all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector and provides learners with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components.

Those who respond to incidents should complete ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-100 provides the foundation for higher level ICS training and describes the principles and organizational structure of the ICS and explains the relationship between ICS and NIMS.

Supervisors who respond to incidents should complete ICS-200, the Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response which provides the context for the ICS within initial response and supports higher level ICS training.

Those who support an EOC should complete IS-2200: Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions which introduces the role, design, and function of the EOC and the supportive relationship between ICS and MACS.

IS-0800, National Response Framework (NRF) is for organization leaders, and introduces the guidance for the whole community response and describes the purpose, scope, organization, and doctrine of the NRF and the seven Community Lifelines to reduces threats to public health and safety, or economic security.

All of these courses were last updated 2019, and can be found on-line at: training.fema.gov There are higher level courses available, but for emergency communicators, the ones listed above are most important.

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