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Personal Training Activities

1.1 OVERVIEW.

Thank-you Bob. Good evening to everyone. Tonight, I'll be discussing Individual on-line self-paced training. This type of training allows users to learn about ACS/ARES®, emergency communications, and how ACS fits into the larger emergency management picture. I'll provide a brief overview of two on-line training sites and the recommended training courses.

- a. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) – Independent Study Program
- b. ARRL On-line Training

The information I'll be presenting on both topics has by and large been copied from the FEMA EMI and ARRL training websites.

1.2 FEMA EMI INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM – OVERVIEW

The Independent Study Program (ISP) is a distance learning program offered free of charge to the American public. It serves as both an alternate means to deliver valuable training to the professional and volunteer emergency management community, and an opportunity to improve public awareness and promote disaster preparedness nationally. Classes are self-paced, and individuals can login, download course material, and participate in the class from their home or work computer.

To sign up for training, each user will first need to obtain a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Student ID number. The emergency operations training page of the Pinellas ACS website includes a link to the FEMA website needed to obtain a FEMA student ID. Once you have the student ID, you can go to the FEMA Independent Study Program website and select a course. At the conclusion of the course, you'll be asked to take a final exam, and once passed, you'll receive a certificate of completion from FEMA.

- a. <https://www.pcacs.org/training/emergency-operations-training/>

1.2.1 Pinellas ACS Requirements

Pinellas ACS has identified a subset of FEMA courses that the membership should complete before assignment to an evacuation shelter or the Pinellas Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

- a. IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- b. IS 200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- c. IS 700 Overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- d. IS 800 An Introductions to the National Response Framework

1.2.1.1 IS 100 - Course Overview

IS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

- a. No Prerequisites
- b. Course Duration – 2Hrs

1.2.1.2 IS 200 – Course Overview

IS200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, reviews the Incident Command System (ICS), provides the context for ICS within initial response, and supports higher level ICS training. This course provides training on, and resources for, personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within ICS.

- a. Prerequisites – IS 100
- b. Course Duration – 4 Hrs

1.2.1.3 IS 700 Course Overview

This course provides an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The National Incident Management System defines the comprehensive approach guiding the whole

community - all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector - to work together seamlessly to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents. The course provides learners with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components.

- a. Prerequisites – NONE
- b. Course Duration – 3.5 Hrs

1.2.1.4 IS 800 Course Overview

The goal of the IS-0800.d, National Response Framework is to provide guidance for the whole community (e.g., all levels of government, volunteer organizations, NGOs, businesses, and individuals, etc.). Within this broad audience, the National Response Framework focuses especially on those who are involved in delivering and applying incident response core capabilities. These core capabilities are needed to maintain or to re-establish a community's lifelines (e.g., Safety and security, Food, Water, and Shelter, Health and Medical, Energy, Communications, Transportation, Hazardous Material.). This course provides learners with an overview and basic understanding of the National Response Framework.

- a. Prerequisites – IS 700
- b. Course Duration – 3 Hrs

The total duration for the four courses is approximately 12.5 hours; however, this is a very conservative estimate. Individuals can certainly complete the training in less time.

1.3 ARRL ON-LINE TRAINING – EC-001: INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

This course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. The course has six sections with twenty-eight lesson topics, and includes a selection of student activities, knowledge review quizzes, and a final assessment. The course is conducted entirely online and can be completed at your own pace, allowing you to work according to your own schedule.

- a. Prerequisites – IS 100 and IS 700

- b. Course Duration – Suggested timeline 9 weeks. But, as with the FEMA training, it all depends on how long you want to spend each week.

1.4 IN-PERSON TRAINING

1.4.1 Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM)

Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) is an all-inclusive term used to describe the many organizations that provide various types of communications support to emergency management, public safety, and other government agencies or describes the services themselves. This includes, but is not limited to amateur radio, military radio, citizens band radio (CB), etc. AUXCOMM covers a broad range of systems that could potentially be used by an Auxiliary communicator during an incident to include: High Frequency (HF), Very High Frequency (VHF), Ultra High Frequency (UHF), satellite communications (SATCOM), microwave, Wi-Fi, digital, video, photos, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), and other modes.

This AUXCOMM class is designed for the amateur radio/auxiliary communicator who provides emergency communications backup support for planned or unplanned events at a State/Territory, Tribal, regional, or local level. This class is designed for amateur radio operators who work with public safety and cross-disciplinary emergency response professionals and coordination/support personnel with an amateur radio background. The conduct of this course will be under the auspices of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC).

- a. Prerequisites – IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800
- b. Three days in person training.

1.5 UPCOMING CLASSROOM OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the online training I've just discussed, over the next several weeks, Pinellas County is offering several in person training opportunities. These courses include:

- a. The Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents, G-400 Course starting on September 19th, 2023.

- b. Due to Hurricane Season, there is no in-person SKYWARN training scheduled during the months of August, September, or October. However, on-line training is available and can be accessed from the NWS Tampa Bay SKYWARN website.

Additional information about these courses is available on the Pinellas ACS groups.io web site.

1.6 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

I'd like to pause here for a minute and ask if anyone has a comment or question about tonight's presentation. If you have a comment or question, please provide me with your call sign, slowly, clearly, and phonetically so I don't make a mistake when I respond. And then ask your question or provide me with your comment.

This is WA1RYQ.

ACTION - PAUSING FOR QUESTIONS

1.7 CONCLUSION.

That's all I have for this week's training session. Let me conclude with a couple of reminders.

1. I strongly encourage everyone who has not done so to login to the Groups.io website and become a member of the Pinellas County ACS group. There is a link to this group on the Pinellas ACS website's home page.
2. As always if you have any comments or training suggestions, I can be contacted at WA1RYQ@ARRL.net. Or you can post a message on the PinCo ACS Groups.io website.

Now with that, I'll turn it back to Net Control.

1.8 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

The following table contains a summary of the comments and questions provided by the membership during the presentation.

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