PEMA G-Series Course Descriptions

**G-110 Emergency Management Operations Course**

16 Hours  Prerequisites: ICS-100b, ICS-200

The fundamental purpose of the Emergency Management Operations Course (EMOC) is to improve the operational capabilities within the participating locality and to improve the ability to manage emergencies through preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. This course also provides local government officials and key staff an opportunity to increase their knowledge of emergency management procedures and their local emergency management system and plan. At the completion of the FEMA G-110 Emergency Management Operations Course, the student will have an improved understanding of the operational capabilities within their given locality and will have an enhanced skill set related to managing emergencies through preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

**G-146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program**

24 Hours  Prerequisites: FEMA IS-120.a

The HSEEP Training course is an intermediate-level training course that incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP Volumes. It is an interactive course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned and best practices while gaining practical experience. In addition, to the instructor-led course presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, group discussions, and introductions to HSEEP and related initiatives such as supporting technology and capabilities-based planning. This approach provides participants with hands-on experience that readily translates to real-world exercise responsibilities. Activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise valuations.

**G-191 ICS/EOC Interface Workshop**

8 Hours  Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700A, and FEMA IS-775

The ICS/EOC Interface Workshop (G191) is designed to provide participants the ability to develop ICS/EOC interface implementation strategies or action plans for their communities. By proposing and discussing options in a neutral environment, and to help them understand that there are no rigid solutions to the ICS/EOC interface issues. This course will enable the participants to develop an effective interface between the Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by applying Incident Command System (ICS) principles.

**G-202 Debris Management Planning**

20 Hours  Prerequisites: None

PEMA recognizes that effective planning and management of debris issues requires extensive training and experience to avoid the conflicts that have arisen with a community’s methods of contracting for and monitoring debris removal operations since these methods of disposal are often found to not comply with environmental laws and regulations. The Debris Management Planning for State and local Officials Course is designed to provide this training with the goal of enabling participants to successfully plan for, respond to and manage debris operations resulting from a debris generating disaster event.

**G-235 Emergency Planning**

16 Hours  Prerequisites: FEMA IS-235 and IS-800

This program is designed to provide emergency management personnel (planners) with the ability to write comprehensive emergency management plans in concert with Federal, State, local, and tribal plans. This training will illustrate the changes in emergency planning based upon recent disasters. While promoting the integration of all Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mission areas into the planning process, and providing a link between the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 and the actual planning requirements at the State, local, and tribal levels. This course will also facilitate a coordinated emergency planning system through all levels of government, while improving the overall response for all emergencies, regardless of the hazard or its size or complexity, ultimately reducing the time required to revise emergency plans.
**G-250.7 Rapid Needs Assessment**
8 Hours Prerequisites: ICS-100b, ICS-200
This one day course provides communities a baseline understanding of developing the plan and procedures for rapidly and efficiently collecting disaster intelligence immediately following a disaster. This intelligence is used to prioritize response activities, allocate available resources, and specifically request resources from other sources to save and sustain lives. This training will equip participants with the basic skills needed to develop plans and procedures to conduct rapid preliminary needs assessments following disaster.

**G-270.4 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role**
16 Hours Prerequisites: Locate and review your local Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan
This course is designed for local disaster recovery teams consisting of emergency managers, city/county administrators, public works directors, building inspectors, and community planners. The course focuses on the roles and responsibilities of each team member, and provides guidance on developing a local disaster recovery plan. Best practices in disaster recovery are summarized in a CD-ROM toolkit included in the course materials. Participants are given the opportunity to develop an outline of their own recovery plan during the course. Participants are provided with an increased awareness of the local government involvement in disaster recovery. While providing a forum for discussion of “lessons learned” in disaster recovery at the local level and promoting the development of pre-disaster recovery plans.

**G-288 Local Volunteer and Donations Management**
12 Hours Prerequisites: ICS-100b, ICS-700a, and FEMA IS-288
The course is designed to strengthen the abilities of local jurisdictions to successfully prepare for and handle volunteer and donations management issues that may arise. The course content and activities may also serve as a template, thereby enhancing uniformity in addressing areas of donated unsolicited goods, unaffiliated volunteers, and undesignated cash. It provides local emergency management personnel and voluntary agency representatives with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop and execute an effective volunteer and donations management program as well as develop a volunteer and donations management support annex.

**G-289 Public Information Officer Awareness**
8 Hours Prerequisites: FEMA IS-289.a
The primary audience for this training is individuals who have public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function at the State, tribal, or local level of government. A secondary audience for this training includes individuals who would benefit from a general understanding of the emergency public information function. This audience would include elected and other officials with responsibilities that would necessitate their working with PIOs or the news media during an emergency incident. At the completion of the FEMA G-289 Public Information Officer Awareness Course, participants will be oriented to the public information function and the role of the PIO in the public safety/emergency management environment. Additionally, this training will prepare participants for subsequent training to further develop their PIO skills.

**G-290 Basic Public Information Officer**
16 Hours Prerequisites: ICS-100b, ICS-200
This course is designed to prepare participants to function as full- or part-time PIOs. Additionally, this training is a prerequisite and foundation for more advanced training that takes participants from the awareness level to the mastery level in their public information careers.
As an incident expands in complexity, often multiple agencies, departments, and jurisdictions may be integrated into incident management activities both at the command and coordination levels. In a multiagency response, several PIOs may be assigned to the incident, requiring increased coordination. The National Incident Management System (NIMS), based on best practices, recommends that responders establish a Joint Information System (JIS) and if necessary a Joint Information Center (JIC). The JIC is a central location that facilitates operation of the JIS. This training program will be delivered with the intent to: Equip PIOs with the skills needed to establish and operate a JIS/JIC; and impart a working knowledge of operational practices for performing PIO duties within the NIMS multiagency coordination system (MAC).

This course is for emergency management personnel responsible for hazardous materials planning and coordination. It covers emergencies including transportation, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials and episodic releases of air toxic chemicals from fixed-site facilities. Emphasis is placed on interagency cooperation and the identification of available technical assistance. Topics include local, State, and Federal mechanisms to assist in planning and response, tactical requirements, hazardous materials characteristics, and regulatory compliance. In this course, participants will learn why it is important for all members of the LEPC and local entities, such as law enforcement, fire, businesses, the media, and others, to be involved in the hazardous materials contingency planning. For the instructor-led portion of the course, participants will use their current hazardous materials contingency plan to identify gaps based on current Federal guidelines and regulations. Sample plans will be made available in case participants do not have a plan. The participants will then be able to revise and update their own plan or use the sample as a template to develop and/or update their community’s hazardous materials contingency plan.

CERT Basic Training is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property. The purpose of this training is to provide the individuals who complete this course with the basic skills that they will need to respond to their community’s immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available. By working together, CERT members can assist in saving lives and protecting property using the basic techniques in this course. The target audience for this course is individuals who desire the skills and knowledge required to prepare for and respond to a disaster.

The purpose of this course is to provide the coursework to help qualify participants to serve as a Radiological Officer (RO). This course meets the Operations Level Competency for first responders and hazardous materials teams who may encounter or be called to manage radiological incidents. This course addresses Nuclear Power Plant, Transportation, Nuclear Weapons, WMD and Hazardous Material hazards. Participants will be able to support planning, emergency response, recovery activities, evaluation, NIMS/ICS applicability and exercising a radiological protection system (RPS) in preparation for a radiological incident. This course will include Pennsylvania specific information and requirements. It provide participants with an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Radiological Officer including administrative, equipment, team and advisory responsibilities. The course describes the framework within which the radiological response team functions, and provides fundamental knowledge of radiation and its affects, while building on the participant’s previous training and experience and including the proper response and pre-recovery procedures for a radiological incident.
The G-361 Flood Fight Operations Course addresses community planning and response options for riverine flooding. While it does not deal with specialized flooding situations such as alluvial fan floods, coastal floods, flash floods, or floods related to ice jams, the same basic planning and response procedures could apply in these unique situations. Effective community planning is critical to successful flood operations. This course will enable the participants to summarize the basic concepts related to riverine flooding. Participants will be able to analyze flood threats, determine how to coordinate with multiple agencies and organizations to plan for river flooding and develop a flood emergency plan.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide guidance for Emergency Managers and other agencies, organizations and implementers of children’s programs about meeting the unique needs that arise among children as a result of a disaster or emergency. This workshop correlates with an independent study (IS) course called “Planning for the Needs of Children in Disaster” and may be taken separately or in conjunction with the IS course. The workshop should be taught by an instructor with experience in emergency management and planning for the needs of children. The course is intended to provide guidance for Emergency Managers and other agencies, organizations, and implementers of children’s programs about meeting the unique needs that arise among children as a result of a disaster or emergency. Much of the information in this workshop and the corresponding IS course is based upon a document titled “The Unique Needs of Children in Emergencies: A Guide for the Inclusion of Children in Emergency Operations Plans.” Published by Save the Children.

This course will provide participants with a basic understanding of how to plan for, response to, and recover from a mass fatalities incident. It provides participants with the necessary skills and abilities to plan for, respond to, and recover from a mass fatalities incident thru the use of lecture (PowerPoint presentation) and group activities.

This course is designed to enable the non-technical emergency worker to acquire skills in the use of mitigation. The course provides training in how to perform mitigation activities fundamental to reducing and eliminating long-term risk from hazards. It addresses the important roles of the emergency program manager (or other local government representative) in mitigation: motivator, coordinator, and monitor in local implementation of the National Mitigation Strategy.