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It is now official. We have until January 20, 2012 to complete the five FEMA courses. Below you will find information sent out by Roger Fraumann. Roger is called up by FEMA in emergency situations, so his input is very valuable. He considers the courses a must, even if we weren't being forced to take them.

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From: Roger Fraumann <rlf@fraumann.com>

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Completing the five courses (100.b, 200.b, 700.a, 704 and 800.b) will give you a good idea how to optimize your reaction in a disaster situation, work together as a team, and certainly help you manage expectations better once the initial 24/48 hours wears off.

I encourage you to try to really remember the critical elements, rather than just to pass the test, because if and when you find yourself in a real situation, you will be glad you have concentrated for ~14 hours, and have this knowledge in your quiver of tools. It's too late to go back and learn it then.

A little bit of background:

A long time ago in a far away land. well more accurately, a few years ago in D.C., there were many different kinds of courses offered by a great many parties. Someone came up with the idea to standardize on NIMS, and to standardize courses in a more consistent manner, so they could be used by any of the disaster response oriented organizations. It then became a collection of courses, now offered through the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). Of course, depending on your perspective, there is another way of putting it, which would be to say the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) replaced its Incident Command System (ICS) curricula with courses that meet the requirements specified in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). EMI developed the new courses collaboratively with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), the United States Fire Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture. ;'))

So regardless of whether you enter a particular course from the ISP course list, or the Professional Development curriculum, or EMI or NIMS for that matter, they should all land you in the same actual link for a particular on-line course. They are different curriculums, and subsets, BUT use the same materials. For example, if you click on the "Professional Development Series", you will find it contains 7 of the courses also available through the ISP list, but focused as a group toward the completion of a Professional Development Series Certificate...

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/searchIS.asp?keywords=PDS>

Bottom line: Everyone involved in any activity with Federal funds and disaster response/recovery/ mitigation is required to complete these courses.

I find the best place to start is the EMI homepage:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

In the red block at the top of the page, you will notice "ISP Course List", which is the one place you can find a sorted list of all of the courses available through EMI. For consistency, and ease of use, you may find it easiest to always start at the Independent Study Program

list:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

Along the way, you may notice some courses have a ".a" or ".b" added to the number, which indicates it has been updated. Typically, if you have completed a course with an earlier revision (or no letter added yet) within the past 2-3 years, most of the time it's considered grandfathered. But, after it has been "revised" for a few years, then you may want to go back and refresh your memory and completion record with the more current course. If you complete some of the "annual" courses, you will notice they have a .NN indicating the year.

The five courses mandatory for CERT follow:

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IS-100.b

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100b.asp>

Course Name: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100.b
(10/12/2010)

Course Code: IS-100.b

CEUs: 0.3

College Credits: 1.0 (When combined w/ IS-200.b)

Approx Length: 3 hours

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IS-200.b

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS200b.asp>

Course Name: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
(10/12/2010)

Course Code: IS-200.b

CEUs: 0.3

College Credits: 1.0 (When combined w/ IS-100.b)

Approx Length: 3 hours

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IS-700.a

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

Course Name: National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction

Course Code: IS-700.a

CEUs: 0.3

College Credits: 1.0 when combined with IS-702 and IS-703

Approx Length: 3 hours

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IS-704

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS704.asp>

Course Name: NIMS Communications and Information Management

Course Code: IS-704

CEUs: 0.2

College Credits: 1.0 (When combined with IS 701.a, IS 706)

Approx Length: 2 hours

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IS-800.b

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS800b.asp>

Course Name: National Response Framework, An Introduction

Course Code: IS-800.b

CEUs: 0.3

College Credits: 1.0 (combined with IS-250, IS-1900 and IS 801-814)

Approx Length: 3 hours

Taking the course and exam:

1. I find it easiest to "Download Final Exam Questions" and print them out.
2. Then start the "interactive Web-based Course"
3. On one of the first few slides, you will notice a link which enables you to save a PDF of the course:
"Click on this link to access a printable version of this lesson." This makes it easier to refer to, and answer any exam questions you are not confident with.
4. I like to complete the exam on paper as I complete the course.
5. Then, once the course is complete, I like to then complete the on-line exam, using the paper one as a guide. Warning! The order of the answers may be different from the paper exam and the on line exam.

After completing the exam, you have a page to fill out with your SSN, name, etc. It's important to always complete each form with the same number, name, etc. So later, when you go back for a transcript, all of your completed courses will appear.

You will receive an email indicating your successful completion, with a hyperlink to the completion certificate. I encourage you to SAVE the PDF to your computer, as well as printing out a copy.

Then when you have all five completed, you can attached the certificate files to an email and forward them as a group to your Team Lead.

Good Luck!
+Roger