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Course Title: Introduction to Unified Command for Multi-agency and
Catastrophic Incidents NFA

SFA Course Code: IUC-MCI

DOH CEU Number: Pending **DOH CEUs Assigned:** Pending

Course Length: 14 hours 10 minutes **Lecture/Lab Breakdown:** 8/6
(2 days with breaks)

Prerequisites: **NIMS ICS for the Fire Service (NICS-FS), -OR-
Incident Command System NFA (ICS) plus NIMS Orientation
(IS-700), -OR-
Incident Command System for Emergency Medical Services
NFA (ICS/EMS) plus NIMS Orientation (IS-700), -OR-
an equivalent course from any Emergency Response
community organization.**

Referenced Text(s): The text to be used for this course is *Introduction to Unified Command for Multi-agency and Catastrophic Incidents* student manual, DHS/FEMA/USFA/NFA, November 2004.

Course Goal: To assist emergency response personnel in the understanding of, and the ability to apply, the Incident Command System (ICS) when multiple agencies are involved at major and catastrophic incidents, and to provide a better understanding of operations under a Unified Command (UC).

Course Description: This course will prepare students from emergency response organizations to understand and apply the concepts of Incident Command and Unified Command in their communities.

Description of Methodology: This course will be delivered by the use lecture, facilitated discussion, small group exercises and activities, and facilitated scenario response.

Student Equipment & Supplies: Students will need the *Introduction to Unified Command for Multi-agency and Catastrophic Incidents* student manual, notebook, and pen or pencil.

Equipment/Audiovisual/Facility/Supply Requirements: Computer, LCD projector, Screen, Easel pads/Chalkboard, and CD with Unit 1 thru 6 PowerPoint presentations.

Special Notes & Conditions:

Course Outline

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
	Day One
1 hr. 30 min.	Unit 1 Introduction
1 hr. 40 min.	Unit 2 Pre-incident Planning, Incident Management Teams, and Area Command
2 hr. 10 min.	Unit 3 Unified Command
1 hr.	Unit 4 Emergency Operations Center
	Day Two
1 hr. 35 min.	Unit 5 Federal Bureau of Investigation Interface with Incident Command System on Terrorist Incidents
6 hr. 15 min.	Unit 6 The Planning Process
14 hr. 10 min.	Total Time

Competency Evaluation Mechanism: Competency will be determined by the student's active participation in the small group exercises, activities, and scenario play.

Course Objectives: By the end of the course, the student will be able to;

1. Know how to conduct pre-incident planning for potential major incidents.
2. Understand the need for local or regional Incident Management Teams (IMT's) and the Area Command.
3. Understand the operation of Unified Command
4. Know the role of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
5. Understand the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interface with the Incident Command System (ICS) on terrorist-type incidents.
6. Know the fundamentals of developing a basic Incident Action Plan (IAP).
7. Understand the importance of pre-incident planning for major and catastrophic incidents.
8. Understand the reasons for developing local and/or regional Incident Management Teams (IMT's).
9. Understand the concept of Area Command.
10. Describe Unified Command.
11. Define the advantages of Unified Command.

Course Objectives continued:

12. Identify the representatives who will comprise a Unified Command organization given a specific scenario.
13. Describe the EOC.
14. Understand the composition of members at an EOC.
15. Understand the functions, assignments, and the role of the EOC.
16. Describe the similarities and differences between haz mat and terrorist incidents.
17. Understand crisis and consequence management.
18. Identify the Federal agencies that can assist with terrorist incidents.
19. Understand the need for an effective Unified Command organization upon the arrival of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
20. Develop a Unified Command structure with an FBI interface with the Unified Command Organization.
21. Describe the steps in the planning process.
22. Select the correct Incident Command System (ICS) Forms for use in preparing an IAP.
23. Fill out the appropriate ICS Forms for an IAP related to a specific incident.
24. Prepare an accurate IAP for a specific incident.

Questions/Comments: Contact the Curriculum Specialist
