INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)
CHANGES FOR ICS 200-300-400
INSTRUCTORS

Background Information

As required of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWGC) has transferred Incident Command System (ICS) courses from their oversight and control to the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) a sub agency of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This change includes several ICS courses (300-400). State Fire Training historically utilized NWCGs' ICS curriculum and is identified as the vendor within the Course Information and Required Materials (CIRM) manual. The CIRM is being updated to reflect these changes from NWCG to NIMS.

Existing State Fire Training Registered ICS 300-400 Instructors

Instructors in good standing that now teach ICS 300-400, may continue to teach using the NWCG materials until April 1, 2015. After that time all course materials must be obtained from EMI. SFT Registered Instructors will be provided access to instructional materials and be granted access with a "link" and a "password" to download the instructor/student materials and final exam at the time a Course Scheduling Request is submitted to State Fire Training (SFT). No materials are available directly from SFT. Course materials are only available "on-line".

Prospective State Fire Training ICS 300/400 Instructors

Those SFT "registered instructors" that wish to become ICS instructors must meet all requirements as outlined in the SFT Procedures Manual. Once approved by SFT, you will be sent an approval letter with a link and password to access all instructor and student materials, including the exam. No instructional materials are kept or provided by SFT.

Course Processing

There is no change in the manner or method for Registered Instructors, when submitting course requests. It is the instructor’s responsibility to maintain test security at all times. All Procedure Manual and CIRM requirements are in effect. The CIRM will be updated for ICS 200-300-400 to reflect this change. Instructors will continue to issue FSTEP (not FEMA/NIMS) certificates upon completion of the course.

ICS 200 is available “on-line”. Instructors may access instructional materials, using the following link:


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