

## **Description of ICS 300**

The ICS-300 course is designed to provide an in-depth focus on the NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) for those who may assume supervisory roles in expanding incidents or Type 3 incidents. The course covers the tools, practices, and procedures available in ICS to effectively manage emergency incidents or planned local events. It is recommended for responders who may take on roles such as command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center staff. The course is typically two days long but can also be completed in three days, with prerequisites including successful completion of ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700, and IS-800.

The course aims to ensure that responders understand the basic ICS concepts that allow an incident management organization to expand and contract as needed to fit the incident and maintain its operational effectiveness. It is important for all Federal, State, and local emergency personnel to decide who within their organizations should take this training.

**ICS 400 is an advanced training course designed for emergency management personnel, focusing on incident management skills for large and complex incidents.**

### **Course Overview**

The **ICS 400** course, or **Advanced Incident Command System**, builds upon the foundational knowledge gained in previous ICS courses (ICS-100, ICS-200, and ICS-300). It is specifically tailored for responders who will serve in command or general staff roles during large-scale incidents, emphasizing the management of complex situations that require coordination among multiple agencies.

### **Course Content**

ICS 400 covers a range of topics essential for effective incident management, including:

**Advanced Incident Management Skills:** Focuses on the roles and relationships of command and general staff, planning, operational, logistical, and fiscal considerations related to large incidents.

**Area Command:** Explains the establishment and function of Area Command in managing complex incidents.

**Interagency Coordination:** Highlights the importance of collaboration among various agencies during large-scale emergencies.

### **Conclusion**

ICS 400 is a critical course for those involved in emergency management, providing the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively lead and coordinate during significant incidents. It prepares participants to handle the complexities of multi-agency operations and enhances their ability to respond to emergencies efficiently.