

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS) TRAINING

South Suburban College has received a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) grant to provide training and credentialing for safety and physical plant workers (who have direct responsibility in the event of a disaster), and public works departments to meet National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements. We will also train and help establish collaborative networks among municipalities and major industries, hospitals, shopping centers, and office buildings.

These trainings are part of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5), from 2003, to establish a National Incident Management System to provide a consistent nationwide template so all government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations can work together during domestic incidents. Although the compliance date was September of 2006, you may be a member of one of our local communities that have not yet achieved this!

The benefits to you include:

- Local classes designed to train a few of your employees at a time.
- A way to fulfill compliance requirements because future funding for municipal projects may be tied to NIMS compliance.
- Consistent approaches are important among local, regional, state, and nation-wide entities to provide more effective and efficient strategies for prevention, response, and recovery from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity.
- The concepts will direct current and future emergency planning, training, and preparation to maximize local and national response capabilities, whether for natural, catastrophic, simple or significant disasters that may even impact Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations.

Current training dates are Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 27, 2007. Classes and testing for IS 700 and ICS 100 may be taken in one day or in two, ½ day sessions.

Description of ICS-100

The Introduction and certification to the Incident Command System (ICS) provides a foundation for higher level ICS training. It describes the history, features, principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System and explains its relationship with National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Description of IS-700

This introduction and certification to the Incident Command management system provides a consistent nationwide template for all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work in concert during domestic incidents. This course explains the purpose, principles, key components, basic terminology, and benefits of NIMS.

You may also look on the Internet @ <http://www.iml.org/dbs/nims/>. This link has several other links within it to answer some of your questions.

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