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Course Syllabus

Course Title: All-Hazards Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader (L 0984)

Course Duration: 24 hours

Program: Homeland Security

Course Prerequisites: IS-100, IS-200, ICS-300, IS-700, IS-800

Course Description: The goal of this professional development course, E/L 0984 Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader, is to provide training designed to support all-hazards competencies and behaviors for a Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader within a Type III Incident Management Team (IMT).

Before the 9/11 attacks, ICS training was exercised nearly exclusively on fire-based incidents. Recognizing the applicability and sincere need for NIMS principles across incident response disciplines, an “all-hazards” approach to training will be embraced in this course.

With an “all-hazards” approach, this course will focus on how a Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team (TF/ST) Leader needs to fundamentally possess the same core knowledge, skills, and abilities whether they are responding to a fire, an oil spill, a mass-casualty incident, or another incident. In other words, regardless of the hazard, discipline, or incident, the essential job of a TF/ST Leader is the same.

This course uses lecture, discussion, student participation, and activities to focus on understanding the behaviors, duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective TF/ST Leader on a Type III AHIMT.

The intended audience(s) are local- or state-level emergency responders who may be designated as Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leaders on their local or state Incident Management Team (IMT). The materials were developed with the assumption that audience members may have little or no actual experience as a member of an AHIMT.

The audience may include students from a variety of agencies and functional disciplines, including fire service, law enforcement, emergency management, public works departments, as well as public health organizations, medical emergency teams, and hospitals.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) position-specific training should be completed by personnel who are regularly assigned to function, support, or unit leader positions on USFA or other Type III

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or IV AHIMT or by those persons who desire to seek credentials/certification in those positions.

Course Requirements:

Pre-Course Work –

- n/a

Course Work –

- Participate in class discussion, activities and in group activities and exercises
- Complete unit quizzes
- Achieve 75% or higher on the final quiz

Post-Course Work –

- n/a

Required Textbook:

E/L 0984 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader August 2019, Version 1.0

This will be provided to the student on Day 1 of the class (digital version).

Course Policies:

Safety Policy: Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy: IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

American Disabilities Act: As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations, they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs. If arrangements cannot be made at the class site, the student will test at an alternative time and place where the special accommodations can be made.

Evaluation Strategy: Students will be evaluated with an end of course quiz.

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Course Content:

Module: 1

Title: Course Introduction

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will identify course objectives and position-specific resource materials for Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leaders.

Module: 2

Title: Overview of the Incident Management Organization/Team and the Operations Section

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the function and components of the Incident Management Organization/Team and the Operations Section.

Module: 3

Title: Roles and Responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader at the pre-response, response, operational, demobilization, and post-incident phases of an incident.

Module: 4

Title: Information Flow and Dissemination

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the information gathering and dissemination responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader.

Module: 5

Title: Leadership, Management, and Supervision

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the leadership and personnel supervision responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader.

Module: 6

Title: Risk Management and Safety

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the risk management and safety responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader.

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Module: 7

Title: Final Review and Wrap-up

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the tasks a Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader is required to complete during an Operational Period for an incident.

Reference List:

All-Hazards Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader Position Task Book

Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide, October 2010

ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide available from the US Fire Academy:

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/field_operations_guide.pdf

The “Redbook 2019 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations” from the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group, National Interagency Fire Center

National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017

US Coast Guard “Incident Management Handbook”:

https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Portals/7/Ninth%20District/Documents/USCG_I_MH_2014_COMDTPUB_P3120.17B.pdf?ver=2017-06-14-122531-930

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Course Schedule

DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 1 – Course Introduction	2 hours
Module 2 – Overview of the ICS Organization/Team and the Operations Section	1 hour
Lunch	
Module 2 – cont'd	1 hour
Review	1 hour
Module 3 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Task Force/ Strike (Resource) Team Leader	3 hours

DAY TWO

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 3 – cont'd	1 hour
Review	1 hour
Module 4 – Information Flow and Dissemination	1 hours
Lunch	
Module 4 – cont'd	5 hours

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DAY THREE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Review	1 hour
Module 5 – Leadership, Management, and Supervision	2 hours
Lunch	
Review	1 hour
Module 6 – Risk Management and Safety	2 hours
Module 7 – Final Review and Wrap-up	1 hour
Final Exam	1 hour