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Course Syllabus

Course Title: ICS 700.b: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

Course Duration: 4 hours

Program: Homeland Security

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Description: The goal of this professional development course is to provide training and resources for FEMA personnel who require a basic understanding of NIMS.

Course Requirements and/or Recommendations:

Pre-Course Work – n/a

Course Work – Participate in class discussions and activities.

Post-Course Work – n/a

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.

Required Textbook:

IS-700.b: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System, June 2020. A digital version will be provided to students.

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

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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.

Course Content:

Unit: 1

Title: Fundamentals and Concepts of NIMS

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will describe and identify the key concepts, principles, scope, and applicability underlying NIMS.

Unit: 2

Title: NIMS Resource Management

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will describe activities and methods for managing resources.

Unit: 3

Title: NIMS Management Characteristics

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will describe the NIMS Management Characteristics.

Unit: 4

Title: Incident Command System (NIMS)

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will identify and describe Incident Command System organizational structures.

Unit: 5

Title: Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will explain Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions, common models for staff organization, and activation levels.

Unit: 6

Title: Other NIMS Structures and Interconnectivity

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will explain the interconnectivity within the NIMS Command and Coordination structure: ICS, EOC, Joint Information System (JIS), and Multiagency Coordination Groups (MAC Groups).

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Unit: 7

Title: Communications and Information Management

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will identify and describe the characteristics of communications and information systems, effective communication, incident information, and communication standards and formats.

Unit: 8

Title: Course Summary

Terminal Learning Objective: At the conclusion of this unit, the student will demonstrate a basic understanding of the National Incident Management System concepts, principles and components.

Reference List:

IS-0700.b, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System, June 2020

National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017.

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Course Schedule

DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Unit 0 – Course Introduction	15 minutes
Unit 1 – Fundamentals & Concepts of NIMS	30 minutes
Unit 2 – NIMS Resource Management	30 minutes
Unit 3 – NIMS Management Characteristics	30 minutes
Unit 4 – Incident Command System (ICS)	30 minutes
Unit 5 – Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)	30 minutes
Unit 6 – Other NIMS Structures & Interconnectivity	30 minutes
Unit 7 – Communications and Information Management	30 minutes
Unit 8 – Course Summary	15 minutes