

S-258: Incident Communications Technician (COMT)

Location: Castaic, California

Date: February 27 – March 3, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM Monday to 12:00 PM Friday

Length: 32 Hours

Tuition: \$747.00 per student

Description: This course is designed to provide the prerequisite knowledge and skills necessary to perform the tasks of a communications technician (COMT) in the Incident Command System (ICS). Topics include installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of National Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) communications equipment on incidents. The course consists of classroom instruction, field exercises, a written final exam, and a practical final exam.

Objectives:

- Identify and describe the responsibilities of the COMT prior to, during mobilization, and during demobilization.
- Identify and explain basic communications theory, the capabilities of NIRSC specialty equipment and assist with installation, and hazards and risks on various incidents and how to mitigate them.
- Recognize, plan for, and demonstrate the ability to provide adequate incident communications coverage.
- Demonstrate proper installation of equipment, the ability to properly program NIRSC incident handheld radios, and the ability to accurately troubleshoot and field repair NIRSC equipment.

Target Group: Personnel desiring to be qualified as an Incident Communications Technician (COMT)

Prerequisites: None required, but suggested training and references include:
I-200, Basic Incident Command System training
S-110, Basic Fire Suppression Orientation training
S-130, Firefighter Training
Become familiar with the Interagency Aviation User Pocket Guide (NFES 001373, students will be provided a copy in class).
Become familiar with basic radio operation, radio programming and with the National Incident Radio Support Cache User's Guide (NFES 000968). Students can visit http://www.nifc.gov/NIICD/tech_training/tech_training.html for a basic radio operation training and <http://www.nifc.gov/NIICD/documents.html> to view radio programming instructions and the latest NIRSC User's Guide. Students will be provided printed radio programming pocket cards and the NIRSC User's Guide in class.

Nomination Process and Due Date:

Nominations must be submitted to the course coordinator by **December 13, 2016**. Do NOT submit nominations through IQCS or through California-South Ops Training for this session. Submit completed NWCG nomination forms directly to course coordinator, Kirk Maskalick.

This course is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service. Upon course completion the USDA Forest Service will invoice each student or their agency for the tuition cost.

Please direct any questions regarding the course or course logistics (including nominations, student selections and tuition payments) to Kirk Maskalick.

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