

**An S-203, Introduction to Incident Information Course is being offered Monday February 6 through Friday, February 10, 2017 in Redding at the Northern California Training Center. If you are interested in attending please work with your supervisor and local training officer to get your name added to the list. By filling nomination form located here: [http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/nomination/form?schedule\\_id=6378](http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/nomination/form?schedule_id=6378) no later than November 1, 2016. Non-Forest Service candidates are welcomed and can fill out the nomination form and email to [kggreene@fs.fed.us](mailto:kggreene@fs.fed.us).**

### **S-203, INTRODUCTION TO INCIDENT INFORMATION**

37 hours (in addition this course includes evening homework assignments)

#### **Course Description:**

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as public information officers (PIOF). The course covers establishing and maintaining an incident information operation, communicating with internal and external audiences, working with the news media, handling special situations, and long term planning and strategy.

#### **Objective:**

Students will demonstrate the skills and knowledge of a public information officer (PIOF) by successfully participating in a simulation and passing a written exam.

<b>Course Components</b>	<b>Hours to Complete</b>
Pre-selection assessment	1
Pre-course work	2
Online training	N/A
Instructor-led training	34
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37</b>

**Target Group:** Personnel desiring to be qualified as public information officer (PIOF).

#### **Course Prerequisites:**

Satisfactory completion of pre-selection assessment.

Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

#### **Course Expectations:**

**This course includes evening homework assignments.**

In addition to successfully passing a written exam and participating in a simulation, students may have an opportunity to open their PIOF task book during the course. Instructors will also take into account class participation and professionalism when rating students in their task books.

Cell phones are not to be used during class time. Cell phone messages may only be returned during breaks. If a home unit has the expectation that a student needs to do work during class time, then this venue is not the most appropriate time for the student to attend the course. Please consider applying at another time. We need students to be fully present and focused. (Yes, PIO work IS that important!)