

L0952: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Public Information Officer Course
Monday through Friday, October 6-10, 2025 (5 days)

Location: Training, Innovation and Leadership Institute
297 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick RI

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Course Description: The goal of this professional development course is to provide federal, state, tribal and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Public Information Officer in a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT)

The learner must achieve a minimum passing score of 75% on final knowledge assessments or demonstrate mastery on performance assessments or research assignments to earn the IACET CEU.

Selection Criteria: NIMS ICS Position Specific training **shall be completed by personnel who will be required to gain a certificate of training and the credentials to function in an ICS Organization, such as an IMT, as a member of the Command, General Staff or as a Unit Leader.** These criteria will be verified on the student enrollment request by endorsement of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) such as the State/Tribal Training Officer or the course manager.

ACE: Level: Lower Division/Associate

ACE: Credit Hours: 3.1

Course Objectives:

- Describe the role and importance of the PIO position in incident operations, especially as it pertains to initial incident operations.
- Describe the fundamentals of information operations during incident management.
- Development a communications strategy for disseminating incident information.
- Explain the importance of effective media relations, including social media, and the role of the PIO in developing and maintaining such relationships.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of Assistant PIO
- Describe how the PIO may establish and leverage effective community relations.
- Describe the role of the PIO as it pertains to handling special situations within incidents.
- Describe how PIO's can keep themselves, and those they escort and work with, safe in the incident environment.
- Define the PIO's roles and responsibilities during incident transition and demobilization.

Prerequisites: Applicant may be required to submit proof if the State Training Supervisor does not have record of completion. You will be notified upon registration.

The required prerequisites to this course are:

- IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS), ICS 100
- IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- ICS 300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
- ICS 400: Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents, ICS 400
- IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS-800: National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction

Other recommended (not required) courses:

- O 305 Type 3 AHIMT Training Course (US Fire Academy)

If interested in attending, you MUST do the following:

Register via the Wufoo link, <https://riema.wufoo.com/forms/l0952-nims-pio-section-chief/>

1. This does not mean you have a seat in the training.
2. Email your prerequisite certificates to Michelle.Russo@ema.ri.gov

If accepted into the training, you will be required to complete the FEMA Application which will be sent to you along with a Coupon Code for the training. You will also be required to download the course materials and bring an electronic device to the training.