Situational Awareness and Common Operational Picture for Emergency Operations Centers Course (L-948)

Description

The Situational Awareness and Common Operational Picture for Emergency Operations Centers Course is a 16-hour, classroom delivered, training course that is U.S. Department of Homeland Security approved. The course is designed to build the situational awareness and common operating picture (SA/COP) skills, knowledge, and capabilities of responders supporting all-hazards response operations in the field and emergency operations centers. In addition to SA/COP instruction, the course also provides practical strategies and tools to synchronize workflow during the EOC action planning process (Planning P). The training is a combination of lecture, hands-on activities, and culminates with an innovative, emergency management board game that affords students the opportunity to apply the SA/COP principles and tools in a collaborative, teambuilding environment.

Upon course completion participants will be able to:

- Define SA/COP and explain its importance to emergency operations center decision making
- Understand the procedures and tools necessary to achieve communications interoperability, information management, and effective information sharing
- Explain the five layers of the SA/COP system and how they facilitate the effective integration of communications technologies
- Describe the communications and information management capabilities required to implement an effective SA/COP system
- Understand the four-phased approach to EOC action planning
- Work effectively in a collaborative, teambuilding environment to solve a novel problem

Note: Each student receives a flash drive that contains electronic versions of all class materials, tools, videos, and handouts.