

## **NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. **Mississippi VOAD is strongly encouraging all member and partner organizations to complete ICS100, ICS200, IS700, and IS800.** (It is better to take the IS700 course before the ICS100 and ICS200 courses.)

### **MS Homeland Security training calendar**

<http://calendar.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>

This calendar is an excellent resource for upcoming trainings throughout the state in a number of various arenas. Pertinent contact information is contained on the calendar. If you are not familiar with emergency service operations, it is VERY helpful to opt for the onsite delivery of the ICS100 and ICS200 courses, rather than the online distance learning/delivery option. Most of These courses are offered at **NO COST** to the participant.

### **FEMA Online Training – <http://training.fema.gov/IS/>**

FEMA provides a variety of training and exercise resources applicable to emergency managers; Federal, state, and local governmental representatives; non-governmental organizations; and the private sector. FEMA training and exercise programs help ensure a better prepared nation by training students about prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities required for all hazards, natural or human-made. These courses are offered at **NO COST** to the participant.

## **MISSISSIPPI VOAD MEMBER TRAINING OFFERINGS**

### **American Red Cross – <http://www.redcross.org/>**

American Red Cross first aid, CPR and AED programs are designed to give you the confidence to respond in an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. Additional training in bloodborne pathogens, oxygen administration and injury prevention can be added to CPR and first aid training to prepare you to prevent and respond to life-threatening emergencies. Red Cross Preparedness programs in first aid, CPR and AED are available for any age and can be tailored to the needs of specific groups and individuals. American Red Cross Disaster Volunteer Leadership and Emergency Services Staff are working with our government and community partners to plan for responses to the myriad of natural and human-made disasters that could strike at any time. Disaster relief workers are trained in a number of specific areas. These courses are offered at **LOW OR NO COST** to the participant.

### **Interfaith Disaster Task Force (IDTF) – <http://www.msidtf.org/>**

The mission of IDTF is to facilitate communication, coordination, and collaboration among organizations involved in disaster preparedness and recovery, and to advocate for vulnerable populations. Their vision is to be a recognized leader and model organization demonstrating how people of different faiths can come together in a cooperative spirit to nurture the creation of a community that will help those least able to help themselves to prepare for and respond to disasters. These courses are offered at **LOW OR NO COST** to the participant.

### **Other member organizations**

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (CERT)**

[http://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/cit\\_corps\\_cert.html](http://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/cit_corps_cert.html)

Community Emergency Response Teams, or CERT, is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security program that helps educate citizens about hazards and trains them in lifesaving skills so that they are better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, emergency services can be overwhelmed. The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security works with local governments and agencies throughout the state to offer CERT training that is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation or in the aftermath of a disaster. The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all their own needs and then be able to respond to their communities' needs in the aftermath of a disaster. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. While people will respond to others in need, one goal of the CERT program is to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. In the CERT training, citizens learn to: manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective; and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts. These courses are offered at **NO COST** to the participant.

## **EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE**

**International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) – <http://www.icisf.org>**

The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) is a non-profit, open membership foundation dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of disabling stress through the provision of: education, training and support services for all Emergency Services professions; Continuing education and training in Emergency Mental Health Services for the Mental Health Community; and Consultation in the establishment of Crisis and Disaster Response Programs for varied organizations and communities worldwide. ICISF offers a multitude of general and specialized courses covering material from agency training and policy development through disaster emotional and spiritual care. All ICISF courses come with general CEUs through the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. These courses are offered at **LOW COST** to the participant.

**National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) – <http://www.trynova.org>**

The goals of the training are to understand the theory of crisis intervention and to learn the NOVA model for individual and group crisis intervention. The training will be led by NOVA certified trainers. NOVA's *Twenty-four hour (Three-day) Basic Crisis Response Team (CRT) Training* establishes a foundation for crisis and trauma theory along with practical instruction, techniques and exercises in the process of crisis intervention. NOVA's *Forty-hour (Five-day) Basic Crisis Response Team (CRT) Training* takes the 24-hour, three-day training and expands the application of the theory and practice involving specialized scenarios that confront crisis responders. NOVA's *Advanced Crisis Response Team training* is Twenty-four Hours (3-Day) and equips participants, in concert with similarly trained colleagues, to help groups of affected people to cope with their immediate emotional reactions when a crisis strikes their community, and to plan for longer-term emotional support. These courses are offered at **MODERATE COST** to the participant.

## **INTERNATIONAL DISASTER FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE, INC. (IDTI)**

<http://www.all-hazards.com/index.html>

International Disaster Fire Training Institute, Inc. (IDTI) is a worldwide leading emergency management independent study institute. The only prerequisite is a desire to learn from the specialized courses they offer. Their self-paced courses make up the state-of-the art, career enhancing training program. Not only will our courses give you a broad-based disaster learning experience, you will acquire the knowledge and preparation necessary to pursue better job opportunities and further enhance your career. They use public domain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed materials that advocate the all-hazards emergency planning approach. Much of this material, leftover from the Civil Defense and nuclear attack era, is no longer readily available from FEMA. Many documents have historical value as well as valuable insight to past and present emergency management principles and practices. These courses are offered at **LOW COST** to the participant.

## **NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS**

[http://nccphp.sph.unc.edu/training/training\\_list/](http://nccphp.sph.unc.edu/training/training_list/)

This site offers short Internet-based trainings developed by the North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness (NCCPHP) on public health preparedness topics such as disease surveillance, basic epidemiology, bioterrorism and new/emerging disease agents. Trainings address emergency readiness competencies plus core public health and epidemiology competencies. Free continuing education credits (CEUs) for trainings are available. These courses are offered at **NO COST** to the participant.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

[http://www.soph.uab.edu/scphp/courses\\_bysubject](http://www.soph.uab.edu/scphp/courses_bysubject)

The South Central Public Health Workforce Partnership recognizes the need for solid training programs designed to meet these challenges and provides many opportunities for practitioners to continue their education, learn new management skills, and engage with other public health professionals to share experiences. The regional consortium is comprised of the state health departments in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi; Tulane University of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health; the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health; the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; plus three local public health agencies: Jefferson County, Alabama; Mobile County, Alabama; and New Orleans, Louisiana. The consortium works through a number of centers and institutes including the South Central Public Health Leadership Institute, the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness, and the South Central Public Health Training Center. Course audience includes health professionals, disaster relief workers, and others. These courses are offered at **NO COST** to the participant.