

## TRG-COMT: All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician Course

### Description

This class provides introductory and refresher training for the NIMS ICS COMT position. It introduces public safety professionals and support staff to various communications concepts and technologies including interoperable communications solutions, LMR communications, satellite, telephone, data, and computer technologies used in incident response and planned events. Participants develop the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the COMT in an all-hazards incident, including responsibilities while operating in a local, regional, or State-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

The course is instructor-led and supports learning through discussion, lecture, participation in multiple activities, and hands-on lab work to explain processes used for establishment and operation of the technical communications resources for an incident or planned event. The course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of a COMT. It is designed for state/territory, tribal, urban, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background.

This class is taught by OEC/ICTAP instructors who have both practitioner and Communications Unit experience. Prior to the on-site class, OEC/ ICTAP staff will work with the requesting site to incorporate communications technologies in use by the participants' agencies.

Prerequisites for attendance are:

- A public safety background with experience in field operations
- Attendees need to have technical communications background for this class.
- Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
- Basic knowledge of the local, regional, and State Communications Plan/ contacts.
- Completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> For any OEC/ICTAP COMU training course (COML, COMT, AUXCOMM) requestors are encouraged to notify the State Training Officer (STO) prior to its start to ensure the course is documented in state training files.

In addition, ICS-300, Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) for Expanding Incidents, is also recommended.

The SWIC will need to review copies of the attendees' documentation of prerequisites prior to the class date. At least seven days prior to the start date, the SWIC (or designated representative) will submit an email to OEC/ICTAP verifying the students have met all the prerequisites and are eligible to participate in the class. This course is five days long and is limited to 16 students. Any additional requirements that the State has to attend this course must also be completed, documented and verified prior to attending this course.

A COMT flyaway case will be provided by OEC for this class. Should the state have its own flyaway equipment case, it is requested that they bring their case to supplement the hands-on portion of the class.

#### **Deliverables**

- Workshop and presentation materials
- Student workbook and informational CD



*OEC/ICTAP's five day COMT training course provides introductory and refresher training for communications technicians working in an ICS environment through classroom presentations and a series of hands-on exercises.*