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Course Syllabus

Course Title: Hazardous Materials Operations Blended

Course Duration: 33 hours

Program: Hazardous Materials Program

Course Prerequisites: Hazardous Materials Awareness

Course Description: This course provides to those who are or will be operating as a member of a fire department, law enforcement agency, EMS agency, emergency management agency, or other first responder agency, the basic skills needed to evaluate and work defensively at an incident involving the release of hazardous materials. The objectives of the course are to teach participants: basic hazards and risk-assessment techniques for Hazmat and CBRNE environments; selecting and using proper personal protective equipment provided to the first responder at the Operations level; performing basic control, containment and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and personal protective equipment available; an understanding of the types of CBRNE and WMD events that may be presented to the first responder; and an understanding of the relevant standard operating guidelines and termination procedures. The course meets the requirements of NFPA 1072 “Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications” Chapters 5, 6.2 and 6.6.

Course Requirements and/or Recommendations:

Prerequisite – Hazardous Materials Awareness	7 hours
Course Work – Online lectures, virtual learning sessions, practical sessions, evaluation	33 hours
Post-Course Work – None	<u>0 hours</u>
<u>Minimum documented OSFM hours:</u>	40 hours

Required Textbook:

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Jones & Bartlett Learning, 3rd Edition.

The textbook is loaned to the student by IFSI for the duration of the class. The textbooks will be distributed to the students prior to the first week of online learning and must be returned prior to taking the final exam.

Reading Assignments:

See course schedule.

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Course Policies:

Attendance Policy: IFSI requires students to attend (100%) or make up all course content that leads to certification. Students are expected to attend on time and to remain in class for the duration of the course. Students **MUST COMPLETE** all portions of a certification course, both classroom and practical, to be eligible to receive their certification.

If a student misses any portion of class with an accumulated absence of 20% or less of scheduled class time, it will be the student's responsibility to arrange the make-up of the missed course content with the instructor(s) or program manager. The student must make up the specific course content that s/he missed, not just the hours. Make-ups are limited to 20% of scheduled class time. Make-ups must be documented on the class roster. If a student's absence is greater than 20% refer to "True Emergencies" section of the IFSI Examination Policy.

Safety Policy: Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy: IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

Grading Policy: Decisions regarding certificates of course completion shall be made solely by the lead instructor of the course. All grading of exams shall be conducted by the Curriculum/Testing Office. All grading of practical exercises shall be based upon the standards set by the regulatory agency referenced in the course material and IFSI.

Retesting: If a student fails to pass an exam, retesting takes place on set dates at regional sites across the state. More information is provided in the course completion e-mail and on the IFSI website.

American Disabilities Act: As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs. If arrangements cannot be made at the class site, the student will test at an alternative time and place where the special accommodations can be made.

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Evaluation Strategy: Written homework and practical skills testing are completed throughout the course. A written test and final practical incident are conducted at the completion of the course. In addition, several simulated evolutions and tabletop scenarios are used throughout the course.

Course Content:

Module: 1

Title: Laws, Regulations, & Standards

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *apply* the laws, regulations and standards to examples of WMD and hazardous materials incidents.

Module: 2

Title: Response Components

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *determine* the strategic objectives to be completed at all hazardous materials/WMD incidents.

Module: 3

Title: Chemical and Physical Properties

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *predict* how the chemical and physical properties of a product will affect response to a hazardous materials/WMD incident.

Module: 4

Title: Health and Safety

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *relate* health hazards with an associated material and its container.

Module: 5

Title: Personal Protective Equipment

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *work* in each type of personal protective equipment (PPE) available to the Operations trained responder.

Module: 6

Title: Intelligence & Resources

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *interpret* intelligence and resource information as it relates to the hazardous materials/WMD response.

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Module: 7

Title: Recognition and Identification of Transportation Containers

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *determine* the hazards associated with the materials stored within transportation containers.

Module: 8

Title: Fixed Facilities

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *determine* the hazards associated with the materials stored at a fixed facility.

Module: 9

Title: Terrorist and Other Criminal Activities

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *classify* terrorist incidents into the five basic categories of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive.

Module: 10

Title: Monitoring

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *monitor* an atmosphere for an unknown material.

Module: 11

Title: Incident Analysis

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *describe* procedures for predicting the release of a material from its container.

Module: 12

Title: Incident Management

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *describe* the different roles in the incident management system (IMS).

Module: 13

Title: Product Control

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *confine* a hazardous material to a certain area.

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Module: 14

Title: Foam

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *use* foam to suppress vapors.

Module: 15

Title: Decontamination

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will *operate* a decontamination line.

Reference List:

Federal Emergency Management Agency. www.fema.gov.

IFSTA. Hazardous Materials for First Responders 5th Ed. Fire Protection Publications. Stillwater, OK, 2017.

National Fire Protection Association Standards 472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2018.

Schnepp, Rob. Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations 3rd Ed. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Sudbury, MA, 2019.

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U.S. Department of Labor, Code of Federal Regulations: Labor 29 CFR 1910.120. Washington, D.C., Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, 1996.

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Course Schedule Blended/Online

Week 1

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 1: Laws, Regulations, and Standards	15 minutes
Module 2: Response Components	30 minutes
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 2-15, 132-143	

Week 2

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 3: Chemical & Physical Properties	1 hour
Module 4: Health and Safety	45 minutes
Module 5: Intelligence and Resources	1 hour
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 38-43, 47-70	

Week 3

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 6: Personal Protective Equipment	1 hour
Module 10: Monitoring	1 hour
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 114-124, 176-207, 329-356	

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Week 4

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 8: Fixed Facilities	1 hour
Module 7: Recognition & Identification	1 hour
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 71-86	

Week 5

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 9: Terrorism & Other Criminal Activities	1 hour
Module 11: Incident Analysis	1 hour
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 265-286	

Week 6

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 13: Product Control	45 minutes
Module 14: Foam	1 hour
Virtual Learning Session	
Reading Assignment: p. 265-286	

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Week 7

Event

Duration

Module 15: Decontamination

1 hour

Virtual Learning Session

Reading Assignment: p. 124-127, 208-241

Week 8

Event

Duration

Module 12: Incident Management System

1 hour

Virtual Learning Session: Unknown Hazard Analysis

Reading Assignment: p. 143-153

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Course Schedule Practical Weekend

Day 1

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Review of Online Components	2 hours
PPE Practical	2 hours
Monitoring Practical	2 hours
Lunch	
Product Control Practical	2 hours
Foam Practical	2 hours

Day 2

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Review of Online Components	1 hour and 45 min
Decontamination Practical	4 hours
Lunch	
Performance Evaluations	3 hours
Final Exam	1 hour