Program of Instruction
Course Syllabus

Course Title: NIMS ICS for the Fire Service

Course Duration: 16 hours

Program: Homeland Security

Course Prerequisites: Instructors for this course must be authorized by the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Course Description: This course is designed to develop an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and its application in both emergency and nonemergency situations. This course addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, and an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure.

Course Requirements:
• Participate in unit activities/exercises
• Achieve 70% or higher on final exam
• Complete the end-of-course evaluation

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 Emergences” 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.

**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.

**Evaluation Strategy:** Students will take a written exam at the conclusion of the course.

**Course Content:**


Module: 1
Title: Introduction and Overview

Module: 2
Title: Incident Command System Command and Command Staff Functions and Applications

Module: 3
Title: Command Functions: Exercises

Module: 4
Title: Incident Command System General Staff Functions and Applications

Module: 5
Title: Incident Command System Command and General Staff Functions
Module: 6  
Title: Incident Command System Practical Applications

Module: 7  
Title: NIMS and ICS Competencies
## Course Schedule

### DAY ONE

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<td>Unit 1: Introduction and Overview</td>
<td>2 hr., 40 min.</td>
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<td>Unit 2: Incident Command System Command and Command Staff Functions and Applications</td>
<td>2 hr., 35 min.</td>
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<td>Unit 3: Command Functions: Exercises</td>
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<td>Unit 4: Incident Command System General Staff Functions and Applications</td>
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### DAY TWO

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<td>Unit 5: Incident Command System Command and General Staff Functions: Exercises</td>
<td>1 hr., 15 min.</td>
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<td>Unit 6: Incident Command System Practical Applications</td>
<td>3 hr., 5 min.</td>
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<td>Unit 7: NIMS and ICS Competencies</td>
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