State Emergency Management Training

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Background

In Washington State, emergency management training is designed to improve the skills and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of emergency management personnel from state agencies and local jurisdictions.

The Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division (EMD), coordinates a wide-range of training both within the state and out of state. Training offered within the state includes:

- Professional Development Series courses;
- Advanced Professional Series; and
- Courses that prepare individuals for disasters ranging from floods, fires, weather storms, earthquakes, and other natural or technological hazards.

Courses and workshops run from one day to one week and are conducted throughout the state. Many courses are offered without charge or for a minimal fee. A training calendar with course descriptions and schedule is published each fall. Washington EMD Training information can be viewed through the Internet at http://www.emd.wa.gov.

EMI and EENET

EMD's training program facilitates enrollment in courses offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute (EMI). EMI is located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. EMI courses are designed to assist federal, state, and local government officials; volunteer organizations; and the private sector to enhance their capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from natural and technology disasters. Many of these courses are designed as Train-the-Trainer to enable participants to share their expertise upon return.

A broad program of courses and information is offered each year through FEMA's Emergency Education Network (EENET). Viewing sites are scattered throughout the state. Complete FEMA training information can be obtained through http:training.fema.gov/emiweb/

Special Contingency Training

Training is conducted for specific preparedness contingency plans with the Columbia Generating Station and the US Department of Energy on the Hanford Site in Richland, and the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). Training assistance is offered to local jurisdictions participating in these and other contract-funded programs.

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