

Training & Exercises

<i>Radio Operator (RADO) Training Course</i>	
TA Delivery Method:	Two-Day In-Person Course
Recommended Participants:	Emergency Response Personnel familiar with the Incident Command System

Offering Overview

This class provides hands-on and lecture-based training for the All-Hazards ICS RADO position. It is designed for emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a basic understanding of the All-Hazards ICS Communications Unit. It introduces public safety professionals and support personnel to various Radio Operator concepts including radio etiquette, interoperable communications, dispatch operations and emergency communications procedures. Participants develop the essential core competencies used during incident response and planned events to perform the duties of the RADO in an All-Hazards environment including communications support for public safety, wildfire, marine, aviation and HF radio communications. The responsibilities of an All-Hazards RADO can include staffing the Incident Communications Center, monitoring radio traffic, and base station operations for emergency operations centers, hospitals, dispatch centers and non-governmental organizations supporting civil emergency response at the state, local or regional level.

The course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of an All- Hazards RADO. Course materials and the RADO Position Task Book will be provided to attendees via digital download prior to the course start date.

There must be a minimum of 10 or up to a maximum 20 qualified students two weeks in advance of the course in order for CISA to conduct the course.

Prerequisites for Attendance: *(prerequisites must be verified by the state two weeks in advance of the course)*

- Personal experience:
 - Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
- Must have completed the following online courses from the FEMA/EMI website:
 - IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
 - IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
 - IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
 - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- Additional recommended (not required) training:
 - ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents

Course Registration Process

- SWIC (or designated point of contact [POC]) Action:
 - Review and vet/approve the prerequisite documentation for sufficiency.
 - Submit a completed student verification form to CISA at least 14 days prior to the class.