



NIMS TRAINING

Hope force has become increasingly aware of the importance and potential future requirement for all disaster workers to be certified in NIMS (National Incident Management Systems), a part of FEMA.

Four NIMS courses are offered on-line at no cost. These courses provide a foundational understanding of how a disaster response is structured and organized from a local, state and Federal level. Once completed, these courses are entered under your name into a national data base, allowing any disaster site to confirm your compliance.

The four courses take two to three hours each. A final exam with 20 – 25 questions concludes all courses. All Hope Force Staff are currently completing the NIMS requirements.

We encourage those who are interested in future disaster response deployments to begin working on these four courses:

- IS-100.a Introduction to Incident Command Systems
- IS-200.a [ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)
- IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) - Intro
- IS-800.b [National Response Framework, An Introduction](#)

To complete the NIMS courses, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://training.fema.gov>
2. Click on FEMA Independent Study (upper right)
3. Click on NIMS Courses in the red box
4. Scroll down the page and click on the course you want to take

A few tips as you study:

- You can exit a course at any time, if you are unable to complete it in one sitting. To return, just click the NEXT buttons on through to where you left off.
- At the end of each course, there will be a link to view or print a Summary of the Course (full text of the course). This is helpful for the exam.
- If you have course questions, contact Chuck Duby at dubyc@hopeforce.org
- If you have technical difficulties, call Customer Service at (800) 328-3358
- Once you complete all four courses, please contact Sue Duby (dubys@hopeforce.org) so your Reservist files can be updated.

We are grateful for each one of you, and for your dedication to serve others in crisis. Thank you!