

Recommended Training for Animal Emergency Responders

A wealth of material is available from federal and state emergency management agencies (EMAs) on how to develop disaster preparedness plans. Many of these are also available through FEMA's [Emergency Management Institute](#).

Recommended courses are:

[IS-10.A: Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness](#) intended to help animal owners, care providers, and industries to understand incident management.

[IS-11.A: Animals in Disasters: Community Planning](#) which provides information for groups to meet and develop meaningful and effective plans that improve the care of animals, their owners, and the animal-care industries in disasters.

[IS-111.A: Livestock in Disasters](#) which combines the knowledge of livestock producers and emergency managers to present a unified approach to mitigate the impact of disasters on animal agriculture.

[IS-244.B: Developing and Managing Volunteers](#). The goal of this course is to strengthen abilities to prepare for and manage volunteers before, during, and after a severe emergency or major disaster. This course provides strategies for identifying, recruiting, assigning, training, supervising, and motivating volunteers. It also includes discussion of spontaneous volunteers as well as those affiliated with community-based, faith-based, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

[IS-700.A: National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) An Introduction](#) which introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

[IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100](#). This course is NIMS compliant and uses the objectives developed collaboratively by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, the United States Fire Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Emergency Management Institute.

ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

[IS-200.B: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#) is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.

[IS-703.A: NIMS Resource Management](#) introduces resource management as described in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and shows how systems for managing resources

can be used to improve incident response. The course includes examples of best practices, lessons learned, and job aids to assist the participant in planning for resource management.

The American Red Cross offers an app for [Pet First Aid](#), as well as many courses that support [Personal Preparedness](#) – and remember, if you need help you won't be able to help others.