

## **The Mission, Purpose, and Course Codes of the United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy**

The United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is part of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is located at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) along with the FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. The NFA promotes the professional development of the fire and emergency response community and its allied professionals. To supplement and support State and local fire service training programs, the NFA delivers educational and training courses having a national focus. Through its courses and programs, the NFA works to enhance the ability of fire, emergency services, and allied professionals to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies. The NFA's delivery systems are diverse. Courses are delivered at the resident facility in Emmitsburg, Maryland and throughout the Nation in cooperation with State and local fire training organizations and local colleges and universities. To help identify the different courses available through NFA, the following listing of course codes is given to explain the first letter used in the reference number associated with course titles.

- C College Deliveries over course of a semester
- F Direct Field Deliveries
- H Handoff – Local Training System Deliveries
- I In-Service Training
- N Regional Deliveries
- O State Training System Deliveries (Off-Site local deliveries)
- P Pilot delivery
- Q Self Study
- R Resident On-Campus Deliveries
- T Train-the-Trainer
- W State Weekend Program Deliveries
- Y Endorsed Course Deliveries and/or State Developed Courses

**The USFA's National Fire Academy courses that wildland firefighters may hear about are as follows:**

Q 462 – *ICS-100, Introduction to ICS for Operational First Responders* is a web-based, self-study interactive program available on-line only. This course is interchangeable with the I-100 NWCG course.

Q-463 – *ICS-200, Basic All-Hazards NIMS ICS for Operational First Responders* is a web-based, self-study interactive program available on-line only. This course is interchangeable with I-200 NWCG course.

Q-464 – *Fundamentals Review for ICS 300* is a web-based, self-study interactive program that provides a review of the topic areas and main points of ICS-100 and ICS-200. The course includes several scenarios to enhance learning and provide a firm basis for being able to participate successfully in ICS-300 and other intermediate-level ICS/command and control courses.

H-465 – *ICS 300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents for Operational First Responders* will be a 3-day classroom course. This course is interchangeable with the I-300 NWCG course.

Q-466 – *Fundamentals Review for ICS 400* is a web-based, self-study interactive program that provides a review of the topic areas and main points of ICS-100, ICS-200, and ICS-300. The course includes several scenarios to enhance learning and provides a firm basis for being able to participate successfully in ICS-400 and other advanced-level ICS/command and control courses.

H-467 – *ICS 400, Advanced ICS for Complex Incidents, Command & General Staff, and MACS* will be a 2-day classroom course. This course is interchangeable with the I-400 NWCG course.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI)** is also located at the NETC. EMI serves as the national focal point for the development and delivery of emergency management training to enhance the capabilities of Federal, State, local, and tribal government officials, volunteer organizations, and the public and private sectors to minimize the impact of disasters on the American public. To help identify the different courses available through EMI, the following listing of course codes is given to explain the first letter used in the reference number associated with course titles.

- B Resident courses held at Noble Training Center
- E Resident On-Campus deliveries
- G Field-delivered Cooperative courses through the State (via State Training Officer for Emergency Management)
- IS Independent Study Courses
- L Resident courses held offsite
- K Self-paced training using the World Wide Web

FEMA's EMI, USFA's NFA, the NWCG, and the United States Department of Agriculture developed common course objectives and content for the 100-, 200-, 300-, and 400-level ICS courses. The partner agencies and departments recognize these courses as equivalent.

ICS-100 and 200-level courses are available in both a Web-based Independent Study format and as a classroom-delivered course. These entry-level ICS courses are suitable for persons working in an ICS environment. ICS-100 and 200 are located on EMI's Virtual Campus at: [www.training.fema.gov](http://www.training.fema.gov).

The 300- and 400-level courses are classroom-based multidiscipline or multi-jurisdiction courses intended for persons with supervisory responsibilities, such as the IC or Planning Section Chief.

### **Independent Study Courses:**

IS-100 - *ICS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)* – introduces the ICS and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the ICS. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the NIMS. NOTE: This course can be delivered in a classroom setting.

IS-200 - *ICS-200, Incident Command System (ICS) for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents* – designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS. IS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position with the ICS. NOT: This course can be delivered in a classroom setting.

IS-100.LE - *Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100, for Law Enforcement*- introduces the ICS and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the ICS. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the NIMS. The course uses the same objectives and content as other ICS-100 courses while using law enforcement examples.

IS-100.PW - *Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100, for Public Works Personnel* – - introduces the ICS and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the ICS. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the NIMS.

### **Nonresident Courses:**

G-191 – *Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface* – best delivered to ICS and EOC personnel from the same community. The one-day course provides an opportunity for participants to begin developing an ICS/EOC interface for their community. The course reviews ICS and EOC responsibilities and functions and depends heavily on exercises and group discussions to formulate the interface.

G-300 – *Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) for Expanding Incidents, ICS-300* – provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses. NOTE: NFA and EMI will release a single version of ICS 300 shortly after DHS formally issues the revised NIMS document.

G-400 – *Advanced Incident Command System (ICS), Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents, ICS-400* – provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses. NOTE: NFA and EMI will release a single version of ICS 400 shortly after DHS formally issues the revised NIMS document.

G 402- ICS 402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials. This 2 hour course provides executives and senior officials (including elected officials, city/county managers, agency administrators, etc.) an orientation to the Incident Command System (ICS). EMI developed this and all of its new ICS courses collaboratively with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), and the United States Fire Administration (USFA).