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LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOW ON WEB

The Institute of Emergency Management and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare are both responsible for emergency management training in Idaho. The two agencies have joined forces to implement a web-based **Learning Management System (LMS)** for all Idaho's first responders, including public health, health care, emergency management, emergency medical services, fire, hazardous materials, law enforcement and public safety communications. The result is **www.idahoprepares.com**, a place where first responders can go to enroll in classes, take online courses, download materials from the library and order videos and CD-ROM-based courses. The greatest advantage

of the website is that it will track and maintain the course records of all users. Site users will be able to produce on-demand transcripts so they can submit their course records for credit from accrediting organizations.

In order to take advantage of all the new LMS site has to offer it is necessary for first responders to register at the site first. Once they are part of the system learners will be able to access the master calendar of all course offerings and enroll in the classes they want 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Eventually the LMS system will provide learners with the ability to take classes online and print their own certificates when



courses have been completed.

For more information on the LMS website please visit the Institute of Emergency Management website www.isu.edu/idiem or call the Institute at 208-685-6797.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- All training and course materials are free to qualified Idaho first responders
- You can request training to be delivered in your community
- New classes are being added continuously
- Contact us: idiem@isu.edu or by phone 208-685-6797

INSTITUTE OFFERS SELF-STUDY COURSES ON CD

The Institute of Emergency Management is dedicated to delivering courses to Idaho first responders in ways that make it convenient to attend. Whether it is holding an instructor-led class in your local community or offering courses that you can study at home on the computer, our staff is working hard every

day to schedule and deliver classes to the people who need them.

Currently the Institute is offering two self-study classes on CD-ROM. The first is Weapons of Mass Destruction Basic Awareness Training, which will take most students about 8

hours to complete. The second is a brand new course offering, Agroterrorism Awareness, which will take approximately two hours to complete.

To order your free copy of either CD go to our website: www.isu.edu/idiem/register_selfstudy.shtml.

WHAT IS NIMS?

Many Idaho first responder agencies have heard about NIMS, the National Incident Management System, but not all understand what it means to their agencies. Here are some basic facts about NIMS and how it must be implemented at every level of government.

Developed by the Secretary of Homeland Security at the request of the President, NIMS integrates effective practices in emergency preparedness and response into a comprehensive national framework for incident management. The NIMS will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively and efficiently to manage domestic incidents no matter what the cause, size or complexity, including catastrophic acts of terrorism and disasters.

The benefits of the NIMS system will be significant:

- Standardized organizational structures, processes and procedures;
- Standards for planning, training and exercising, and personnel qualification standards;
- Equipment acquisition and certification standards;
- Interoperable communications processes, procedures and systems;
- Information manage-

ment systems; and

Supporting technologies – voice and data communications systems, information systems, data display systems and specialized technologies.

There are six components to NIMS:

- Command and Management (Incident Command)
- Preparedness
- Resource Management
- Communications and Information Management
- Supporting Technologies
- Ongoing Management and Maintenance

Under the terms of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5) all state, territorial, tribal and local government entities should be NIMS-compliant in Fiscal Year 2005. Adoption of NIMS will be a condition for the receipt of federal preparedness funds, including grants, contracts and other activities.

Here are some of the activities that governmental entities should be working on this year:

States & Territories:

- Incorporate NIMS into existing training programs and exercises

- Ensure federal preparedness funding supports state, local and tribal NIMS implementation.
- Incorporate NIMS into Emergency Operations Plans.
- Promote intrastate mutual aid agreements.
- Coordinate and provide NIMS technical assistance to local entities: and
- Institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System.

State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Jurisdictions:

- Complete the NIMS Awareness Course: IS-700 - available through www.idahoprepares.com
- Formally recognize the NIMS and adopt NIMS principles and policies.
- Determine which NIMS requirements already have been met.
- Develop a strategy and timeframe for full NIMS implementation.
- Institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System (ICS)

More information on NIMS can be found at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website: <http://www.fema.gov/nims/>



All agencies, at all levels of government are required to be NIMS compliant in Fiscal Year 2005

The Institute of Emergency Management stands ready to deliver training in NIMS, through either a one-hour instructor led class (IEM-120) or by providing a link to the online NIMS Introduction class (IS-700). We are also developing a more in-depth instructor-led NIMS course that should be ready later this year.

Meanwhile first responders can take advantage of the Incident Command System (ICS) classes being offered by the Institute which will assist in reaching NIMS compliance. A schedule of classes can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Registered users can also search the Master Calendar at www.idahoprepares.com to find classes that are being offered in your area. There is also the option to request that a class be offered for your agency. The friendly staff at the Institute of Emergency Management would also be happy to answer your questions at 208-685-6797.



NEW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Homeownership Alliance have collaborated on an emergency preparedness guide that homeowners can use in the event of a terrorist attacks or natural disasters. "Some citizens might think: we'll leave preparedness and protection to the professionals - first responders, law enforcement, governors and mayors - much the way a person might leave the plumbing, painting or electrical jobs in their homes to professionals. Well, what we have been saying, and will continue to say, is that you

cannot hire out the protection of your home and family; it is a personal hands-on job. So we are pleased to join the Homeownership Alliance today to announce the Emergency Preparedness Guide for homeowners. This guide will give homeowners the information they need to prepare for any emergency and protect their most cherished assets: their homes and their families," said Secretary Ridge.

The publication, which is based on the recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign, outlines the sim-

ple steps homeowners can take to prepare for an emergency. The guide includes information on:

- Emergency supplies
- Effective emergency plans for families
- Various threats homeowners may face

Resources available at:

www.dhs.gov

www.ready.gov

www.homeownershipalliance.com



Emergency preparedness begins at home.

WARY OF TERRORISTS, MALLS BOOST SECURITY

BY CHUCK McCUTCHEON
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For all that has been done to prevent airplane hijackings and sniff out biological weapons, the terrorist strike that most worries some experts remains a suicide bomber at a crowded shopping mall.

"I always thought that was the best target -- a mall the day after Thanksgiving just about anywhere," said Phil Anderson, a senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

With that in mind, the mall industry is stepping up efforts to tighten security.

A trade association is working

with homeland security experts at George Washington University and the University of Virginia to develop extensive training to help mall guards detect and respond to bombings and other types of attacks. The new course is expected to be at least four times as long as the basic four-hour security sessions some malls currently offer.

"It's a much more advanced look at what to do before, during and after a crisis," said David Levenberg, chairman of the security task force for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Levenberg is vice president of security and loss prevention for General Growth Properties. The Chicago company owns or manages more than

200 malls in 44 states.

The training sessions, which Levenberg hopes to offer this year, are the mall council's latest effort to improve security. It recently brought security directors to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., to receive instruction and held some 20 anti-terrorism classes for guards last year.

But some security industry officials said many guards remain unprepared.

Only 22 states require some instruction for licensed security guards in all industries, and few require counterterrorism training, according to a recent Congressional Research Service report.

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Shopping malls across the country are working to beef up security.

UPCOMING CLASSES

All classes sponsored by the Institute of Emergency Management are free and open to any qualified Idaho first responder.

Register online at : www.idahoprepares.com

Course Number	Course Category/Name	Date	City
IEM-196	ICS Intermediate	Thursday & Saturday February 10 & 12, 2005	Fort Hall
IEM-225T	Law Enforcement Response to WMD - Ops Level Train-the-Trainer	Friday, Saturday & Sunday February 11, 12 & 13, 2005	Boise
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Monday February 14, 2005	Duck Valley
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Tuesday February 15, 2005	Leadore
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Wednesdays February 16 & 23, 2005	Dubois
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Thursdays February 17 & 24, 2005	Firth
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Saturday February 19, 2005	Robie Creek
IEM-397	Critical Incident Stress Management Basic (CISM)	Tuesday & Wednesday February 22 & 23, 2005	Twin Falls
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Thursday February 24 & Thursday March 10, 2005	Naples
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Saturday February 26, 2005	Driggs
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Monday February 28, 2005	Nampa
IEM-120	National Incident Management System	Wednesday March 2, 2005	Boise
IEM-195	ICS Basic	Thursday March 3, 2005	Nampa
IEM 180	Hazardous Materials Awareness	Thursday March 3, 2005	Caldwell
IEM-180	Hazardous Materials Awareness	Friday March 4, 2005	Caldwell
IEM-398	Critical Incident Stress Management Basic (CISM)	Wednesday & Thursday March 9 & 10, 2005	Coeur d'Alene
IEM-195	Incident Command System Basic	Thursday March 10, 2005	Nampa
IEM-160	WMD Awareness Level Training	Saturday March 12, 2005	Eagle

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