MERT

Marion County Emergency Radio Team

ICS Online Class Information

Background

MERT membership requires a unique combination of knowledge and experiences to perform their functions working alongside professionals whenever emergencies are declared by the Marion County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management. The specific requirements are documented in the Standard Operating Guidelines, Section V. Training, Part C. Required Position Training, MERT Member:

<u>MERT Member</u>:
- MERT Orientation.
- MERT Performance Packet. (New Member Orientation Guide – Level 2)
- F.C.C. License.
- ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 within 1 year of membership (online).

What is ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800?

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector on how to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from emergency incidents locally and nationally.

NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System. NIMS defines operational systems that guide <u>how personnel work together during incidents</u>.

This starts with all MERT members taking and completing four (4) online classes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). (See "Getting Started" for the detailed steps moving forward.)

ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System
This course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. The 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).

ICS-200 ICS for Single Resource and Initial Action
This course 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.

ICS-700 A National Incident Management System
This course 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.

ICS-800 Nation Response Framework

The course introduces participants to the concepts & principles of the National Response Framework.
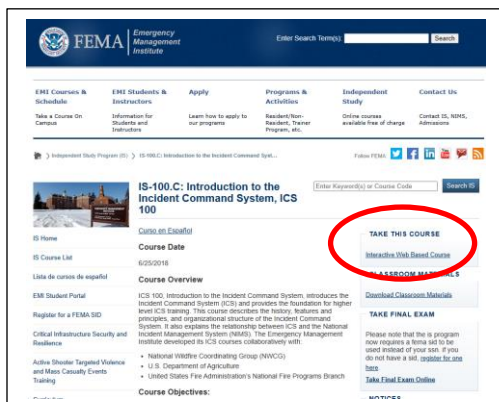
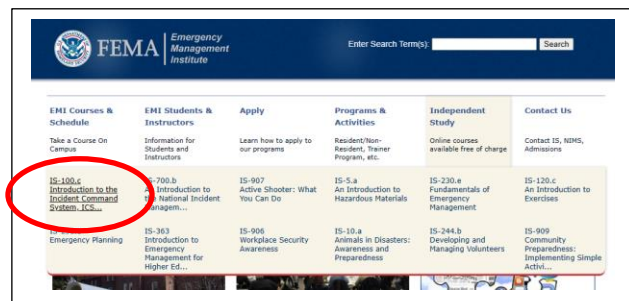## Getting Started

To complete these online classes from FEMA, follow these steps.

1. <u>Secure a FEMA Student ID number</u> (SID).
   a. The FEMA Student Identification (SID) number is a unique number generated and assigned to anyone who needs or is required to take training provided by a FEMA organization. Your FEMA SID uniquely identifies you throughout the FEMA organization and all of its agencies. The goal is for your FEMA SID to serve as your personal identification number instead of your Social Security Number (SSN).

   b. Visit: [Register for your FEMA SID (dhs.gov)](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register) and complete all the fields in the form. (https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register)
   c. In minutes, you will receive an email with your FEMA SID. File and keep this handy.

2. Would you like to watch a 2 minute You Tube video sharing more on getting started taking the ICS-100 online class? Go to You Tube and type in… "How to start your FEMA training courses" or this URL… https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pgiB514znw

3. You are now ready to proceed taking your first class by going to: https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx and clicking the tab… "Independent Study" then "IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System"

4. At the ICS-100 home page, find "TAKE THIS COURSE" then click <u>Interactive Web Based Course</u>. Congratulations! You are at Page 1. At the bottom of the page, click the right arrow to move to the next page until finished.

5. **Helpful Hint**: On the home page, many find it very useful to download the course materials. Look for "CLASSROOM MATERIALS" and click <u>Download Classroom Materials</u>.

6. When you've completed the course, go to the home page and find "TAKE FINAL EXAM". Below it you will see "TAKE FINAL EXAM" with a note "Please note that the is program now requires a fema sid to be used instead of your ssn. if you do not have a sid, register for one here."

7. Click <u>Take Final Exam Online</u>. After finished, you will receive an email with your **Certificate**. It is very important you download this file and print a copy for your personal records. Put a copy in your Skill Book and bring it to the next MERT meeting so it can be recorded and filed.

CONGRATULATIONS!