**Communications Unit Technician (COMT)**

**October 25-29, 2021**

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the US Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency’s Emergency Communications Division (DHS-CISA-ECD) are proud to present the Communications Unit Technician (COMT) October 25-29, 2021. Please carefully review the information below for registration information for this virtual training.

We look forward to your participation. Thank you.

**Course Overview:**

This class provides introductory and refresher training for the NIMS ICS COMT position. It introduces public safety professionals and support staff to various communications concepts and technologies including interoperable communications solutions, LMR communications, satellite, telephone, data, and computer technologies used in incident response and planned events. It is designed for state/territory, tribal, urban, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background. Participants develop the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the COMT in an all-hazards incident, including responsibilities while operating in a local, regional, or state-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team. The course is instructor-led and supports learning through discussion, lecture, and hands-on exercises to explain processes used for establishment and operation of the technical communications resources for an incident or planned event. The course provides a realistic, hands on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of a COMT. This class is taught by ICTAP instructors who have both practitioner and Communications Unit experience. Prior to the on-site class, ICTAP staff will work with the requesting site to incorporate communications technologies in use by the participants’ agencies. SWICs are encouraged to notify the STO prior to its start to ensure the course is documented.

**Personal experience:**

• A public safety background with experience in field operations

• A technical communication background

• Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology

• Basic knowledge of applicable Communications Plan

**Prerequisites:**

Completion of the following online courses from the FEMA EMI website:

• IS-100, Introduction to the ICS

• IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents

• IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction

• IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF)

• Familiarity with the pre-course reading material

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**Course Length:**

5 Days – 40.0 Hours

**Course Dates and Location:**

This COMT course is offered October 25-29, 2021 at Jefferson State Community College 2601 Carson Road, Birmingham, AL 35215

There is no charge for this training, and course materials will be provided electronically by DHS CISA.

**Registration:**

Applicants should submit the AEMA Training Application along with scanned copies of all prerequisite Certificates of Completion for IS prerequisite courses to the AEMA Strategic Technology Reserve (STR) Coordinator, Jason Smith, at jason.smith@ema.alabama.gov.

Copies of prerequisite documentation which verify applicants have met the prerequisites and are eligible to participate in the course must be submitted and reviewed by October 11, 2021.

Registration is not complete until all documentation has been received and verified by the STR Coordinator. Admittance is limited to the first 16 qualified applicants. The STR Coordinator will notify applicants they are registered as soon as their prerequisites are received and verified as complete.

If you have any questions concerning the delivery of this course or the registration process, please contact:

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| **Print Name to be used on Certificate:** | **Position in Organization:** |

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| **Cell/Mobile Phone #** |
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| E-mail Address: | **FEMA SID#** |

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| **Course Name:**  |
| **Course Date(s):**  |
| No student per diem is available from AEMA. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses. |
| **Do you have any disabilities that require special consideration? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_****If yes, please explain:** |
| **Briefly describe your activities or responsibilities as they relate to the course for which you are applying and identify how you will use the information obtained from the course:** |
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| **Please return application(s) to the Course Host POC by email at** **jason.smith@ema.alabama.gov** |