

# Emergency Communication Courses

## FEMA Courses (<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>)

- **IS1** – Emergency Program Manager: An Orientation to the Position (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-1.a>) [note: not listed with the other online courses but may still be available]
- **IS100c** – Introduction to Incident Command System \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>)
- **IS120c** – An Introduction to Exercises \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-120.c>)
- **IS130a** – How to be an Exercise Evaluator (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-130.a>)
- **IS200b** – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b>)
- **IS230d** – Fundamentals of Emergency Management \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-230.d>)
- **IS235c** – Emergency Planning \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-235.c>)
- **IS240b** – Leadership & Influence \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-240.b>)
- **IS241b** – Decision Making and Problem Solving (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-241.b>)
- **IS242b** – Effective Communication \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-242.b>)
- **IS244b** – Developing and Managing Volunteers \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-244.b>)
- **IS288a** – The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-288.a>)
- **IS700b** – An Introduction to the National Incident Management System \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>)
- **IS800c** – National Response Framework: An Introduction \* (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.c>)

By Invitation Only and not online – (residence courses only, often with first responder participants):

- **IS300** – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- **IS400** – Advanced ICS Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents

Why these recommended/suggested courses?

- 1) some are required (\*) as prerequisites to take the Basic and Advanced ARRL/ARES courses.
- 2) because an understanding of at least the language/concepts of ICS/NIMS allows an Emergency Communicator to work seamlessly in a disaster response situation as well as in preparatory “blue sky” times. These courses are all free and may be taken online at your own pace (except IS300 and IS400, as noted).

**ARRL Courses** (<http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>)

- **Basic EmComm Course** – Introduction to Emergency Communication (**EC-001**) \*  
[requires ICS100b and ICS700b as prerequisites]

**Description.** This course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. The course has 6 sections with 29 lesson topics. It includes required student activities, a 35-question final assessment and is expected to take approximately 45 hours to complete over a 9-week period. You will have access to the course platform at any time of day during this 9-week period so you may work according to your own schedule. You must pace yourself to be sure you complete all the required material in the allotted time.

- **Advanced EmComm Course** – Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs (**EC-016**) [requires \* FEMA courses noted above as prerequisites, plus ARRL/ARES EC-001 (above), SKYWARN certification (below), AND approval by ARRL Section Manager]

**Description.** This course is designed to train licensed Amateur Radio operators who will be in leadership and managerial roles organizing other volunteers to support public service activities and communications emergencies. In this course you will learn how radio amateurs prepare and organize to support local community events, and, working in coordination with governmental and other emergency response organizations, deploy their services to provide communications when needed in an emergency.

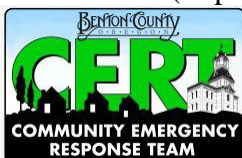
This course is made available on our Web site to all ARRL members. It is a self-study course that you may complete at your own pace.

This is not a course which you can easily complete in a weekend - it is not intended to be. If you are currently serving in a leadership role in your local ARES organization or are training to assume more management responsibility, you may want to complete the final assessment for this course and earn the certificate of completion validating your study. Students who successfully complete the curriculum activities and receive their certificates will indeed be ready for leadership roles in situations where lives and property are at stake.

**Other Courses:**



- SKYWARN (<https://www.skywarn.org/>)



- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) –  
(<https://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/cert-community-emergency-response-team>)