

# Frequently Asked Questions



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## NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK (NRF) INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE (IEMC) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

**Q1. *Who should attend the training?***

- A.** The course is primarily intended for State EOC personnel and can include staff development for EOC position depth. However, participation from tribal governments, local government, private sector or non-governmental agencies is encouraged based on State guidance. State agency operational centers or EOC's can also be activated for the course exercises. Federal personnel may participate in the training based on the scope of the exercise activities.

**Q2. *How many students per class?***

- A.** Class size is only dependent upon the facilities available to the State. A typical class size could run from 50-100 participants. Additional "simulators" participating in the exercise conduct could increase the class size.

**Q3. *What will be the procedure to host a class (Selection criteria)?***

- A.** Our intent is to schedule and conduct a NRF State IEMC for each State over the next 3-4 years. Initial selection criteria for scheduling will include the following factors:

- Geographic distribution (at least one course per region per year)
- State/Region perceived need for the training (i.e. large turnover of personnel; new facility or plans/procedures that need tested, etc.)
- Hazard/Risk Focus (i.e. upcoming special event(s) challenging the State)

**Q4. *What costs will be covered by EMI?***

- A.** EMI will cover the following course related costs: instructors, instructor materials, student materials, exercise design, conduct, and initial evaluation of the exercises. EMI can also provide student stipend dollars for those personnel who need to travel from a distance to the course location. EMI can also supplement the State by providing communication and audio-visual equipment if needed.

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**Q5. How will selection of a host site be made?**

- A.** EMI and Regional Training Managers will work with the State to determine the course host site. Typically the State EOC will be utilized for all course exercise activities. The course will require a “room” located near the State EOC to serve as the exercise control room (simulation cell). Communication links are required from the exercise control room to the State EOC. A classroom (located near the State EOC) is required for the conduct of all plenary session activities.

**Q6. What type of FEMA regional involvement is needed?**

- A.** FEMA Region involvement in the course will be determined by the FEMA region. At a minimum, regional participation should include 2-3 individuals to assist in the conduct of the exercises and to simulate RRCC activities. Regions may also choose to establish a small RRCC “cell” adjacent to the State EOC for exercise play, or could choose to “activate” the actual RRCC (partial or full) to support exercise play. The FEMA Regional Administrator and/or the Federal Preparedness Coordinator (FPC) will be invited to each course to welcome the participants on the first day.

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