

# Role of the State Individual Assistance Officer



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FEMA/State partnership critical to success of IA mission

FEMA programs are administered, but FEMA is there at invitation of and guests of the state.

Best solution to offer our state partners:  
develop a State IAO course



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## Why develop a course?

- Each state has a different method for determining the IA officer.
- Each state has varying levels of disaster activity and IA declarations.
- State IA officers have different levels of experience and training.



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## Why develop a course?

FEMA requirements from state to state are consistent:

Pre-disaster

At incident/Event

At declaration

During declaration /At JFO

Post-disaster



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# State Individual Assistance Operations – E357



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# Course Goal

To enable participants to coordinate State response and recovery operations for individuals and families.



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# Course Objectives

- Define IA operations during response to and recovery from Presidential-declared emergencies and disasters
- Differentiate between short- and long-term disaster assistance
- Describe IA programs and administration requirements
- Demonstrate program authority and eligibility
- Demonstrate the sequence of service delivery
- Highlight partnerships and information-sharing



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# Course Update

- Course taught in January was pilot
- Review/update/revision of course in progress
- Second course schedule for August 2010



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Round table discussion:

- What are your lessons learned, best practices and helpful hints to other state IA officers?
- How can we improve the FEMA/State relationships and mechanisms to work together?



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- What other questions do you have about being a State IA Officer or about the course?



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