



OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT TEAM TRAINING RESPONDER LEVELS

CERT AWARENESS LEVEL

TRAINING AREA: Community Awareness and CERT Unit pre operations candidates.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Interested community members & potential operational CERT members

RESPONSE TIER: 1.1 & 1.2

INTRODUCTION:

This level of participation is designed to prepare community members for self and local neighborhood response in the event of an emergency or disaster. It is also a means of recognizing potential Olathe Fire Department CERT Members that would be interested in undergoing further training to be deployed by the Olathe Fire Departments CERT program. The goal of this program is to give each participant the minimum training and skills to help ensure a successful outcome and positive impact in a community disaster situation. Program participants at this level do not deploy outside of each participants own neighborhood area.

AWARENESS LEVEL TRAINING COURSES:

- National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program
- Introduction to the Johnson Counties Emergency Prepared Neighborhood programs provided via material handouts

ONGOING EDUCATION:

- Periodic refresher training offered.
- Opportunity to expand training to operational level.

RECOGNITION:

- Participants receive CERT and JOCO Prepared Neighborhood educational materials free of charge.
- A wall certificate of CERT training from the Olathe Fire Department and a national CERT Lapel pin and/or Patch.
- A Olathe CERT ID Card for Level 1.2 .
- A CERT/72 Hour Kit starter pack is provided for Level 1.2 and after 3 years it's the participants to keep.
- Participant is entered into the county database as having the basic training and is given thee opportunity to obtain a CERT Operations Level status and further free training.

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course:

The program consists of seven modules approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency they are:

- **Disaster** (General Overview) - This unit of training addresses a variety of disaster situations that might threaten our community. We also look at the impact on Olathe's infrastructure, structural, and nonstructural hazards. In addition, each participant learns what they can do to mitigate the effects of disasters and learn more about personal safety and secondary hazards which present themselves when emergencies or disasters occur.
- **Disaster** (Medical) -
- Part I - An introduction to disaster medical situations. It includes recognizing and treating life-threatening conditions, triage, and practical applications for disaster medical knowledge and skills.
- Part II - concentrates on the organization of disaster medical operations. Participants learn how to conduct head-to-toe patient assessments establish treatment areas; treat burns; care for wounds; treat fractures; sprains and strains; splint broken bones; treat hypothermia and frostbite. CERT members also learn public health considerations and apply their newly learned disaster medical knowledge and skills in a practical scenario.
- **Basic Fire Suppression** - This unit addresses the basic use of fire extinguishers, personal safety, fire prevention for the home and workplace and an overview of the OFD and its resources. In addition, this unit provides an orientation to hazardous materials. This basic knowledge enables the CERT team member to recognize and identify a hazardous material threat and how to properly notify authorities.
- **Terrorism** - This unit is a basic overview on terrorism.
- **Light Search and Rescue** - This unit includes aspects of search and rescue planning, size-up and operations.
- **Team Organization** - This unit provides an overview of the spontaneous organization of CERT and disaster decision-making. Participants learn about disaster psychology and how these traumatic events can affect victims and rescuers including CERT members. In conclusion, this unit addresses CERT and its relationship to the incident management system.
- **The Finale** - The finale includes a written exam - it's a take home quiz - and a simulated, hands-on "disaster" exercise.

Joco Emergency Prepared/Safe Neighborhoods Workbook:

While not part of the instruction provided, The EPN Workbook provides an overview of all natural and man-made hazards that are prevalent in Johnson County. In addition, it provides guidance for the development of a home disaster plan. This disaster plan includes responses to such hazards as fire, gas leaks, tornadoes, lightening/severe storms, severe winter weather, etc. The planning guide in this workbook can be developed for individuals and families to protect them and your loved ones in the event of a hazardous event.

APPROVED INSIGNIA:

National CERT Patch:



Obtainable from cert-kits.com for \$2.00

For wear on clothing or packs open for use by anyone that completes a CERT course of instruction. May be worn also if the Olathe patch isn't approved.

National CERT Pin:



Obtainable from cert-kits.com for \$2.50

For wear on civilian attire only.

Olathe CERT Patch:



Restricted Item available only through Olathe Fire Department Emergency Manager. To be worn in Position Number 1 on left and Right of Uniform shirt, Jacket and CERT vest on left upper chest area. Patch is only given to response tier 1.3 and above.

Olathe CERT ID card:

Must be displayed when deployed, and shown to authorities when requested.



OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT TEAM TRAINING RESPONDER LEVELS

CERT OPERATIONS LEVEL

TRAINING AREA: Community Emergency Response Team
Entry Level Deployment Members

TARGET AUDIENCE: Current CERT Members &
Interested Awareness level Members

RESPONSE TIER: 1.3, 2 and 3

INTRODUCTION:

This training level has been designed to prepare individuals for call out deployments with the Olathe Fire Department CERT unit for local and out of area response in the event of an emergency or disaster. The goal of this level is to give each member the minimum training and skills to ensure a successful deployment outcome disaster situation. Program participants at this level will be listed as part of the Olathe Fire Department CERT Response Program.

OPERATIONS LEVEL TRAINING COURSES:

Prerequisites:

- National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training.

Main Training:

- FEMA ICS-100.b Incident Command Systems (Course or Independent Study).
- FEMA Independent Study Course 20.11 Diversity Awareness.
- FEMA Independent Study Course 102.A Deployment Basics for FEMA Response Partners.
- Olathe CERT Communications Orientation Course.
- Basic Storm Spotter Course.
- First Aid, Community CPR/AED and Blood borne Pathogens.

ONGOING EDUCATION:

- Basic CERT & Storm Spotter Refresher Course.
- Refresher Courses in First Aid, CPR/AED and Blood borne Pathogens.

RECOGNITION:

- FEMA Certificates of Completion.
- Olathe CERT Operations level wall certificate.
- Operations Level Sticker for ID Card.
- First Aid/CPR/AED and BBP Certification Cards.
- FA/CPR/AED Patch & Pin (Instructor Emblem for qualified members).

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**FEMA ICS-100.B Incident Command Systems:**

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

FEMA Independent Study Course IS-20.11 Diversity Awareness:

This course recognizes the benefits of diversity in our workforce and FEMA's commitment to valuing diversity of its employees and customers.

FEMA Independent Study Course IS-102.A Deployment Basics for FEMA Response Partners:

This course is designed to help prepare participants for deployment as a FEMA response partner to a domestic incident. Responding to incidents requires that we must be ready, willing, and able to deploy at a moment's notice. This course provides personnel with practical tips and advice for incident deployment.

Olathe CERT Communications Orientation Course:

An Olathe CERT developed communications course that covers a basic orientation to CERT Communications to include but not be limited to: Basic radio lay out orientation and communication protocols, FRS/GMRS and HAM Radios, FCC Rules and Regulations etc...

First Aid:

Basic First Aid Course by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid.

Community CPR/AED:

CPR and AED Course for Adults, Children and Infants by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid.

Blood borne Pathogens:

A transmission and prevention of diseases and pathogens course by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid.

Storm Spotter:

Basic Storm Spotting and Recognition course from the national weather service.

APPROVED INSIGNIA: Note lowest cost for emblems is shown.

Operations Rocker Patch:



A Rocker patch that says “Operations” would be placed immediately below the Olathe CERT Patch if adopted for use.

Olathe CERT ID card “Operations Sticker”:

Placed on the CERT ID Card an “Operations” Sticker indicates the CERT member’s deployment level of training. Or similar alternative.

First Aid/CPR/AED:

First Aid/CPR/AED Pin:



Selected emblem for all basic level first aid training regardless of certifying agency. Lapel pin is meant for civilian attire wear.

Source for this pin is medpatches.com and cost is \$5.95

First Aid/CPR/AED Patch:



Selected emblem for all basic level first aid training regardless of certifying agency. This emblem is worn in position 3 on the left arm sleeve of a shirt or jacket to indicate medical training level. In order to display, member must show proof of current certification and may only display while certifications are current. Source for this patch is medpatches.com and cost is \$2.95 Volume discounts are available. As low as \$2.00. The patch may also be displayed on CERT vest.

Or



Selected emblem for First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor qualified participants regardless of certifying agency. This emblem is worn in position 3 on the left arm sleeve of a shirt or jacket to indicate medical training level. In order to display member must show proof of current certification and may only display while certifications are current. Source for this patch is medpatches.com and cost is \$2.95 Volume discounts are available. The patch may also be displayed on CERT Vest.



OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT TEAM TRAINING RESPONDER LEVELS

CERT TECHNICIAN LEVEL

TRAINING AREA: Community Emergency Response Team
Experienced Deployment Members

TARGET AUDIENCE: Current Operations Level CERT Members

RESPONSE TIER: 1.3, 2 and 3

INTRODUCTION:

This training level has been designed to enhance and expand Olathe Fire Department CERT Members for an expanded functioning operation role in the event of an emergency or disaster. The goal of this program is to give each member expanded training and skills to help ensure a successful outcome and positive impact in a community disaster situation.

TECHNICIAN LEVEL TRAINING COURSES:

Prerequisites:

- Must meet all training and certification requirements set forth in the operations level.

General Training:

- FEMA ICS-700.A Introduction to the National Incident Management System.
- FEMA IS-288 The role of voluntary agencies in emergency management.

Administration/Logistics Tech Track:

- ARC Disaster Services Overview.
- ARC Shelter Operations/Simulation.

Communications Tech Track:

- FEMA IS-242 Effective Communication.
- FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications/Information Management.

Search & Rescue Tech Track:

- NASAR Search & Rescue Tech III or
- Olathe CERT Fire/Rescue Asst I.
- ARC Damage Assessment.

Medical Track:

- CPR For Healthcare Provider.
- Oxygen Administration Course.
- Advanced First Aid.

ON GOING EDUCATION:

- Basic CERT Refresher Course.
- Refresher Courses in First Aid, CPR and Blood borne Pathogens for non medical track members or skill up grades to more advanced first aid training.
- Refresher Courses in level medical training.
- Refresher Courses in Red Cross and NASAR Levels as required.
- Annual Renewal of FCC License for communications providers.
- Refresher training for Fire/Rescue Assistant.

RECOGNITION:

- FEMA Certificates of Completion.
- Olathe CERT Technician level wall certificate with specialty track notation.
- Technician level Sticker with specialty track for ID Card.
- American Red Cross Certifications.
- Rescue, Communications or Adv First Aid/CPR Tech patch/pins if applicable.

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**General Training Courses:****FEMA 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.

FEMA IS-288 The role of voluntary agencies in emergency management

This independent study course provides a basic understanding of the history, roles, and services of disaster relief voluntary agencies in providing disaster assistance. It is appropriate for both the general public and those involved in emergency management operations.

Administrative/Logistics Track:**American Red Cross Disaster Services Overview**

This course is a pre-requisite to all other disaster training and can be completed as a self-study. Participants receive information about disasters, the community response, and the role of Red Cross Disaster Services. Introduction to Disaster can be taken online by going to http://www.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/.

American Red Cross Shelter Operations/Simulation

This instructor-led course is designed for the learners to acquire knowledge of Red Cross policies and procedures for setting up, running and closing a shelter during a disaster. The course includes lecture and group exercises.

Communications Track:

FEMA IS-242.A Effective Communication

Being able to communicate effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve your communication skills.

FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications/Information Management

This course introduces you to the Communications and Information Management component of 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. Effective emergency management and incident response activities rely on flexible communications and information systems that provide a common operating picture to emergency management/response personnel and their affiliated organizations. Establishing and maintaining a common operating picture and ensuring accessibility and interoperability are the principal goals of the Communications and Information Management component of NIMS. Properly planned, established, and applied communications enable the dissemination of information among command and support elements and, as appropriate, cooperating agencies and organizations.

Search and Rescue/Fire Track:

NASAR Search & Rescue Tech III

Introduction to Search and Rescue is designed to provide knowledge concerning the general responsibilities, skills, abilities and the equipment needed by persons who would be participating in search and rescue missions. The course is based around rural and wilderness environments but the material is recommended as a base of knowledge for all SAR environments.

Olathe CERT Fire/Rescue Asst I

A custom course designed to meet local CERT needs that include advanced skills and knowledge as approved by the Olathe Fire Department.

American Red Cross Damage Assessment

A detail course in assessing damage to structure and property after a disaster.

Medical Track:

CPR For Healthcare Provider

CPR for Healthcare Provider (Or Professional Rescuer) Course is designed to provide a wide variety of healthcare professionals/responders with the ability to recognize several life-threatening emergencies, provide CPR, use an AED, and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner. The course must be by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid.

Oxygen Administration Course

Emergency Oxygen is a critical step in treating a severe or life-threatening illness or injury. This program focuses on administering emergency oxygen, rescue breathing, and oxygen delivery devices. The course must be by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid. This course doesn't mean we will carry O2 but will help teach CERT members how to safely manage it if seen on people in a disaster.

Advanced First Aid

A 16 Hour plus course in Advanced First Aid by any of the following: American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI), Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) or Medic First Aid.

APPROVED INSIGNIA: Note lowest cost for emblems is shown.

Technician Rocker Patch:



A Rocker patch that says "Technician" would be placed immediately below the Olathe CERT Patch if adopted for use.

Olathe CERT ID card "Technician Sticker":

Placed on the CERT ID Card a "Technician" Sticker indicates the CERT member's deployment level of training. Or similar alternative.

Administration Track:

American Red Cross Small Disaster Services Patches are available from the Red Cross and may be worn on the right shirt pocket or right side of a jacket or the CERT Vest. Emblems available through the Red Cross.



Option I ARC Disaster Relief.



Option II ARC Disaster Services.

Communications Track:



Basic Communications Patch worn on Right Pocket or Right side of Vest. Medpatches.com for \$4.50 A Pin is also available from Fit-Rite Uniform.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:



NASAR worn on Right Pocket or Right Side of CERT Vest from Nasar.org \$7.00 .



Medpatches.com \$ 2.95 an alternate to the NASAR Patch.



For Fire/Rescue class recognition from medpatches.com \$2.95.

Medical Track/Training:

These may also be worn by any member that has achieved the appropriate level of training.



For Civilian Wear only
Somes.com.



CPR for Healthcare Provider or Pro Rescuer
Somes.com

Right Pocket or Right side of CERT Vest.



Civilian Wear Only
Somes.com.



Advanced First Aid Patch
Left arm Position 3 or left side of CERT Vest
Somes.com.



For Civilian Wear
Somes.com.



OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT TEAM TRAINING RESPONDER LEVELS

CERT SPECIALIST LEVEL

TRAINING AREA: Community Emergency Response Team
Experienced Deployment Members

TARGET AUDIENCE: Current Technician Level CERT Members

RESPONSE TIER: 1.3, 2 and 3

INTRODUCTION:

This training level has been designed to continue to enhance and expand Olathe Fire Department CERT Members for an expanded functioning operation role in the event of an emergency or disaster. The goal of this program is to give each member more expanded training and skills to help ensure a successful outcome and positive impact in a community disaster situation.

SPECIALIST LEVEL TRAINING COURSES:

Prerequisites:

- Must meet all of the Training and certification requirements in the Technician Level.

General Training:

- FEMA IS-800.B National Response Framework.
- FEMA IS-197.SP Special Needs Planning Considerations for Service/Support Providers.
- FEMA IS-775 EOC Management and Operations.

Admin/Logistics Track:

- FEMA IS-244.a Developing and Managing Volunteers.
- FEMA IS-120.a An Introduction to Exercises.
- FEMA IS-130 Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning.
- FEMA IS-139 Exercise Design.

Communications Track:

- FCC Amateur radio Technician License.
- Attend and participate in a communications training drill.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:

- NASAR Search and Rescue Tech II.
- Swift Water Awareness.
- CERT Animal Rescue I.

Medical Track:

- Emergency Medical Responder.
- Disaster First Aid Station.

ON GOING EDUCATION:

- Basic CERT Refresher Course;
- Refresher Courses in First Aid, CPR and Blood borne Pathogens for non medical track members or skill up grades to more advanced first aid training;
- Refresher Courses in level medical training.
- Refresher Courses in Red Cross and NASAR Levels as required.
- Annual Renewal of FCC License for communications providers.
- Refresher training for Fire/Rescue Assistant.

RECOGNITION:

- FEMA Certificates of Completion.
- Olathe CERT Specialist level wall certificate with specialty track notation.
- Specialist level Sticker with specialty track for ID Card.
- Medical and Rescue Certifications Certificates.
- Rescue, Communications and medical patch/pins if applicable.

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**General Training****FEMA IS-800.B National Response Framework**

The course introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework.

FEMA IS-197.SP Special Needs Planning Considerations for Service/Support Providers

(This course is currently under revision by FEMA an alternate course approved by the local Emergency Manager may be chosen until the update is released) IS-200.B is suggested "ICS for single resources and initial action incidents".

FEMA IS-775 EOC Management and Operations

This course describes the role, design, and functions of Emergency Operations Centers and their relationships as components of a multi-agency coordination system. The course contains disaster-related examples, activities and case studies that relate to EOC's and multi-agency coordination systems at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Admin/Logistics Track:

FEMA IS-244.a Developing and Managing Volunteers

This course is for emergency managers and related professionals working with all types of volunteers and coordinating with voluntary agencies. The course provides procedures and tools for building and working with voluntary organizations. Topics include: Benefits and challenges of using volunteers, Building a volunteer program, Writing job descriptions, Developing volunteers through recruitment, placement, training, supervision and evaluation, Coordinating with voluntary agencies and community-based organizations, Special issues including spontaneous volunteers, liability, and stress.

FEMA IS-120.a An Introduction to Exercises

IS 120.a introduces the basics of emergency management exercises. It also builds a foundation for subsequent exercise courses, which provide the specifics of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and the National Standard Exercise Curriculum (NSEC). This course will introduce you to the following concepts: Managing an exercise program, Designing and developing an exercise, Conducting an exercise, Evaluating an exercise, Developing and implementing an improvement plan.

FEMA IS-130 Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning

IS 130 introduces the basics of emergency management exercise evaluation and improvement planning. It also builds a foundation for exercise evaluation concepts as identified in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). At the end of this course, you will: Understand the Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning steps, Comprehend the process of designing and developing exercise evaluation criteria, Identify the necessary tasks in conducting an exercise evaluation, Understand methods of analyzing exercise data, Identify the steps necessary to prepare an After Action Report (AAR) and conduct an After Action Conference (AAC), Recognize the requirement of developing and implementing an improvement plan.

FEMA IS-139 Exercise Design

Emergencies can be limited in scope or they can reach disaster proportions, sweeping through an entire community or multiple communities. Being prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies is everyone's challenge. Whether your organization is a government agency tasked with a particular response role, a volunteer agency that responds to the community's needs, or a private sector entity that may be faced with an emergency situation, you have an important role in that preparation. As an outcome of your community's or organization's emergency planning process, plans should be in place that specify how you prepare for emergencies, how you will respond if an emergency occurs, how you will mitigate the potential effects of emergencies, and how you will recover. Practice is an important aspect of the preparation process. Experience and data show that exercises are a practical, efficient, and cost-effective way for organizations in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors to prepare for emergency response and recovery.

This course is based on one important premise: Emergency exercises are worth the effort. Exercises identify areas that are proficient and those that need improvement. Lessons learned from exercises can be used to revise operational plans and provide a basis for

training to improve proficiency in executing those plans. This course is designed to introduce you to the fundamentals of exercise design and to prepare you to design and conduct a small functional exercise for your organization. It addresses: The value of conducting exercises. The components of a comprehensive exercise program. The exercise development process ¾ development tasks, organization of the design team, exercise documentation, and the steps in designing an exercise.

This course will cover the purpose, characteristics, and requirements of three main types of exercises: Tabletop exercise Functional exercise Full-scale exercise In addition this course will cover: Exercise evaluation. Exercise enhancements. Designing a functional exercise.

Communications Track:

- **FCC Amateur radio Technician License**
- **Attend and Participate in a communications drill**

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:

NASAR Search and Rescue Tech II

Fundamentals of search and rescue (FUNSAR) are the second intermediate level of NASAR courses. It prepares the student to take the SAR TECH II Exam for more information see the NASAR website.

Swift Water Awareness

The awareness course prepares participants to support swift water rescue operations. The course is 4 Hours in length.

CERT Animal Rescue I

Provides training for CERT members on dogs and cats and small animals in a disaster.

Medical Track:

Emergency Medical Responder

To train individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a first responder in an emergency to help sustain life, reduce pain and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until more advanced medical help can arrive. A 60 plus hour course in emergency care for persons with a duty to act. Approved providers of this course are: State of Kansas EMS, American Red Cross, Emergency Care and Safety Institute and the American Health and Safety Institute.

Disaster First Aid Stations

An Olathe CERT Developed course that trains CERT members at the EMR level and above in assisting the Medical Reserve Corps in set up , running and tearing down a disaster First Aid Station. May also be used on a smaller scale for city disasters. The length will be approximately 12 plus hours.

APPROVED INSIGNIA: Note lowest cost for emblems is shown.

Specialist Rocker Patch:



A Rocker patch that says “Specialist” would be placed immediately below the Olathe CERT Patch if adopted for use.

Olathe CERT ID card “Specialist Sticker”:

Placed on the CERT ID Card a “Specialist” Sticker indicates the CERT member’s deployment level of training. Or similar alternative.

Administrative/Logistics Track:

Olathe Specialist Rocker Patch.

Communications Track:

Olathe Specialist Rocker Patch.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:



NASAR SAR TECH II Rocker or Patch
NASAR May be worn on Right Pocket or Right Side of CERT Vest or Jacket.



Water Rescue Pins/Patches as approved
May be worn on Right Pocket or Right Side of CERT Vest or Jacket.

Medical Track:



State First Responder Patch for State Certified EMR/First Responders may be worn on left arm position 3 of shirt and jacket or left side of CERT Vest.



EMR/First Responder Patch that has matching Pin Option 1 for Non State First Responder programs ARC, ECSI and ASHI.



EMR/First Responder Patch that has matching Pin Option 2 for Non State First Responder programs ARC, ECSI and ASHI.

An Advanced Rocker May be worn for completion of the Disaster First Aid Course or Wilderness First Responder instead of wearing that emblem. Wilderness FR Patch can also be worn in place of the standard EMR Emblem and WFR is a more Advanced EMR Course.



OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT TRAINING & RESPONDER LEVELS

CERT MASTER SPECIALIST LEVEL

TRAINING AREA:	Community Emergency Response Team Specialists Leadership
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Olathe KS CERT Members with Advanced Specialist Rating
RESPONSE TIER:	1.3, 2 and 3

INTRODUCTION:

This training level has been designed to continue to enhance and expand Olathe Fire Department CERT Members for an expanded functioning operation role in the event of an emergency or disaster. The goal of this program is to give each member more expanded training and skills in order to provide valuable resource and leadership in time of disaster to the city of Olathe and its citizens.

MASTER SPECIALIST LEVEL TRAINING COURSES:

General Training

- FEMA IS-240.a Leadership and Influence.
- FEMA IS-701 NIMS Multiagency Coordination.
- FEMA IS-230.A Fundamentals of Emergency Management.

Admin/Logistics Track:

- FEMA IS-1 Emergency Manager: Orientation to the Position.
- FEMA IS- 235.A Emergency Planning.
- FEMA IS-241.a Decision Making and Problem Solving.

Communications Track:

- FCC Amateur Radio General or greater License.
- IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management.
- IS-702, NIMS Public Information Systems.
- Emergency Communications I and II.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:

- NASAR SAR Tech I or
- Swift Water First Responder Ops Level or
- CERT Fire/Rescue Assistant II and
- CERT Animal Rescue II.

Medical Track:

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder or
- Emergency Medical Technician- Any Level or
- Professional and Allied Health Nursing Status or Any Professional Healthcare Provider that's training course is greater than 60 hours.

ON GOING EDUCATION:

- Basic CERT Refresher Course.
- Refresher Courses in First Aid, CPR and Blood borne Pathogens for non medical track members or skill up grades to more advanced first aid training.
- Refresher Courses in level medical training.
- Refresher Courses in Red Cross and NASAR Levels as required.
- Annual Renewal of FCC License for communications providers.
- Refresher training for Fire/Rescue Assistant and related rescue courses.

RECOGNITION:

- FEMA Certificates of Completion.
- Olathe CERT Master Specialist level plaque and a Master Specialist certificate with specialty track notation.
- Master Specialist level Sticker with specialty track for ID Card.
- Medical and Rescue Certifications Certificates.
- Rescue, Communications and medical patch/pins if applicable.

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**General Training****FEMA IS-240.a Leadership and Influence**

Being able to lead others - to motivate them to commit their energies and expertise to achieving the shared mission and goals of the emergency management system - is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve your leadership and influence skills. It addresses: Leadership from within, How to facilitate change. How to build and rebuild trust, Using personal influence and political savvy, fostering an environment for leadership development.

FEMA IS-701 NIMS Multiagency Coordination

This course introduces Multiagency Coordination (MAC) Systems as described in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and shows how these systems can be used to improve incident response. MAC Systems consist of a combination of elements: personnel, procedures, protocols, business practices, and communications integrated into a common system. After taking this course, you should be able to improve the overall coordination with, and support for, incident management by developing and operating

within MAC Systems. While this course discusses the Incident Command System (ICS), it is not a substitute for ICS 400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff—Complex Incidents.

FEMA IS-230.A Fundamentals of Emergency Management

Fundamentals of Emergency Management course introduces the fundamentals of emergency management as an integrated system, surveying how the resources and capabilities of all functions at all levels can be networked together in all phases for all hazards.

Admin/Logistics Track:

FEMA IS 241.A Decision Making and Problem Solving

Being able to make decisions and solve problems effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve your decision-making skills. It addresses: The decision-making process, Decision-making styles, Attributes of an effective decision maker, Ethical decision making and problem solving.

FEMA IS-1 Emergency Manager: Orientation to the Position

This independent study course provides an introduction to Comprehensive Emergency Management (CEM) and the Integrated emergency Management System (IEMS). Included is an in-depth look at the four phases of comprehensive emergency management; mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The text is accompanied by illustrations, diagrams, and figures. In most units, there are worksheets, exercises, and tasks to complete.

FEMA IS- 235.A Emergency Planning

This course is designed for emergency management personnel who are involved in developing an effective emergency planning system. This course offers training in the fundamentals of the emergency planning process, including the rationale behind planning. It will develop your capability for effective participation in the all-hazard emergency operations planning process to save lives and protect property threatened by disaster.

Communications Track:

FCC Amateur Radio General or greater License

FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management:

This interactive computer-based course introduces you to the Communications and Information Management component of 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. Effective emergency management and incident response activities rely on flexible communications and information systems that provide a common operating picture to emergency management/response personnel and their affiliated organizations. Establishing and maintaining a common operating picture and ensuring accessibility and interoperability are the principal goals of the Communications and Information Management component of NIMS. Properly planned, established, and applied

communications enable the dissemination of information among command and support elements and, as appropriate, cooperating agencies and organizations.

FEMA IS-702.A NIMS Public Information Systems

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. This includes public information. The public information systems described in NIMS are designed to effectively manage public information at an incident, regardless of the size and complexity of the situation or the number of entities involved in the response.

Emergency Communications (EM COMM) I and II

A two part series of professional emergency communications courses.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:

NASAR SAR Tech I

This NASAR course provides the skills and knowledge needed to be a search and rescue team crew leader.

Swift Water First Responder Ops Level (wave trek)

This two-day course has one day of classroom instruction and one day of practical field exercise. Students are trained in hazard recognition, self-rescue, equipment use, and techniques necessary to conduct basic shore and boat-based rescues. After completion of Operations: Swift water First Responder; certified personnel may participate in higher risk technical rescues under the supervision of Technician level rescuers.

CERT Animal Rescue II

How to handle large animals such as Livestock in disasters.

Olathe Fire/Rescue Assistant II

An Extension of Level I training as approved by the Olathe Fire Department.

Medical Track:

Wilderness First Aid or First Responder

This is a nationally recognized program that trains participants to respond to emergencies in remote settings. The 16 hour WFA or 80-hour WFR curriculum includes standards for urban and extended care situations (Disaster). Special topics include but are not limited to: wound management and infection, realigning fractures and dislocations, improvised splinting techniques, patient monitoring and long term management problems, up-to-date information on all environmental emergencies, plus advice on drug therapies. Emphasis is placed on prevention and decision-making, not the memorization of lists. This course is designed specifically to provide you with the tools to make critical medical and evacuation decisions in remote locations. Half of your time will be spent completing practical skills, case studies and scenarios designed to challenge your decision making abilities.

Emergency Medical Technician

Must verify possession of a current EMT, AEMT or Paramedic Certificate through the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services or show evidence of course completion and certification after a qualified course of instruction.

Registered Nurse

Must verify possession of a current Registered Nurse License through the Kansas Board of Nursing.

APPROVED INSIGNIA: Note lowest cost for emblems is shown.

Master Specialist Rocker Patch:



A Rocker patch that says “Master Specialist” would be placed immediately below the Olathe CERT Patch if adopted for use.

Olathe CERT ID card “Master Specialist Sticker”:

Placed on the CERT ID Card a “Master Specialist” Sticker indicates the CERT member’s deployment level of training. Or similar alternative

Administrative/Logistics Track:

Olathe Specialist Rocker Patch

Communications Track:

Olathe Specialist Rocker Patch



Upon Completing the specialty Track the OEM Comm Patch is awarded the Patch may be worn on the right side Pocket of a shirt or the right side of the CERT Vest or jacket for the successful completion of the FEMA PIO Course.

Search/Rescue/Fire Track:



NASAR SAR TECH I Rocker or Patch
NASAR May be worn on Right Pocket or Right Side of CERT Vest or Jacket.



Water Rescue Pins/Patches as approved
May be worn on Right Pocket or Right Side of
CERT Vest or Jacket

Medical Track:



WFA/WFR Patch may be worn on left arm position 3 of shirt and jacket
or left side of CERT Vest.



State Certified EMT Patch for KS EMT's may be worn on left arm
position 3 of shirt and jacket or left side of CERT Vest.



State Certified AEMT Patch for KS AEMT's may be worn on left arm
position 3 of shirt and jacket or left side of CERT Vest.



State Certified EMTP Patch for KS EMTP's may be worn on left
arm position 3 of shirt and jacket or left side of CERT Vest.



Emblem approved for Registered Nurses may be worn on left arm
position 3 of shirt and jacket or left side of CERT Vest.

An Advanced Rocker May be worn for completion of the Disaster First Aid Course or Wilderness First Responder instead of wearing that emblem. Wilderness FR Patch can also be worn in place of the standard EMR Emblem and WFR is a more Advanced EMR Course.

An Instructor Rucker can be worn any medical patch a member is a current Instructor for.