

# Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials



## Course Description

The Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials (ERHM) course was created to teach the community how to plan for and respond to hazmat incidents, in addition to training the members of the community how to assist during recovery. It was designed around the whole community approach. This approach integrates all members as vital partners in response to natural and man-made disasters.

The relevance of this course is to develop emergency response and recovery plans using all of the community that would be impacted by an incident. Members of the community that are trained for ERHM can assist with planning, response and recovery after an incident. Curriculum includes emergency response, EMS, evacuation, preparing shelters, and providing food and water to those in need, among other considerations that need to be evaluated before an incident occurs.

This course is compliant with the hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction response requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120), NFPA 470® Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders and Executive Order 13650.



## Course Objectives

### After completing this module, participants will:

- Relate the course goals, structure and compliance for the Emergency Response to HazMats program to their needs and those of their whole community to prepare for, respond to and recover from hazmat and/or terrorist incidents.
- Explain how hazmat incidents lead to emergency planning regulations, how those regulations ensure communities plan for hazmat incidents and how the whole community concept ensures all community members are protected from the effects of hazmat releases.
- Discuss the types of hazmat and/or terrorist incidents that have recently affected whole communities and how those communities responded to the hazards present.

## Certification

Participants who achieve a passing score of 70% or higher on the post-test will be certified at the Awareness level — trained specifically to recognize hazardous materials within their communities. They will receive an IAFF certificate with a Pro Board seal and the IAFF will submit the participant's name to the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualification (Pro Board registry).

## Course Specifications

**Provider:** International Association of Fire Fighters

**Delivery Method:** Classroom

**Course Hours/Days:** 16 hours/2 days

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