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NIMS/ICS Training : For volunteers too?**Question**

In the NIMS Implementation Plan Template that is posted on your Web page, the term "employees" is used in reference to staff training. Should unpaid volunteers and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members be included in NIMS and ICS training?

Answer

The NIMS Integration Center strongly recommends that volunteers with a direct role in emergency and incident management and response take NIMS and ICS training. The amount of training depends on the person's position level in response operations, as follows:

Entry Level

- * FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
- * ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent

First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors

- * IS-700, ICS-100 and ICS-200: Basic ICS or its equivalent

Middle Management: Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, EOC Staff, etc.

- * IS-700, IS-800 NRP, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300

Command and General Staff; Area, Emergency and EOC Managers

- * IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300 and ICS-400