

EMS in the Warm Zone – Rescue Task Force (RTF) Concepts- Host Requirements

Thank you for hosting an *EMS in the Warm Zone – RTF Concepts* course. This course has been designed to familiarize participants with the importance of integrated Fire, Police, and EMS response to hostile events and to teach medical care appropriate for the Warm Zone. It is divided into two portions, an online overview and a half day (approximately 4 hours) of integrated hands-on training.

As a host agency, it is important for you to consider that practical exercises will include: loud voices, display of inert training weapons, movement of RTF students and instructors through hallways, and practice of medical procedures including the use of simulated blood. Requested building areas should be reserved for the exclusive use of RTF students, no civilians should be permitted in the training area. Given course dynamics, location selection is critically important, the Warm Zone Program Coordinator will approve all proposed course facilities.

Program hosts are asked reach out to their local law enforcement agencies to recruit a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 law enforcement participants. Law Enforcement participants are required to meet all the same objectives as Fire & EMS participants. Contact information for participating law enforcement agencies should be provided to the Warm Zone Program Coordinator. All Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement participants must complete EMS in the Warm Zone – Awareness and EMS in the Warm Zone – Operations on line courses at: <https://ola.nhfa-ems.com/login/index.php>. All personnel must complete on line training modules at least 10 days prior to the practical exercise day. Each class can be advertised for open enrollment and those students will be enrollment 10 days prior to the start of the course.

Class size is 12 students minimum, 24 maximum. At least 3 students must be law enforcement. The 24 student maximum is a hard cap, due to the requirements of the training we will not expand the maximum number of students in the course. Additionally, due to the prerequisite training we are unable to allow students to walk in without registration.

Pre-registration for all students is required. All students must be registered 10 days prior to course delivery date. The go/no go decision will be made 10 days prior to course delivery date.

The expectation is that no one leaves the site after training has begun!

There will be no weapons allowed on site! Live fire and edged weapons should be secured off-site, all participants will be frisked prior to class, and instructors may require other weapon or self-defense items to be secured prior to class.

After the RTF Operations practical training is complete, Chiefs must send a letter to Pam Urban-Morin in Grants Management certifying that 25% or more of the department has successfully completed Warm Zone training.

Each department requesting OT/BF is eligible for two four-hour programs conducted in one back-to-back day. Class size for OT/BF shall be limited to 24 (including law enforcement participation). Therefore, a community would be eligible for 48 students at 4 hours OT/BF. If not given in a back to

back day they are eligible for one class with OT/BF. No student travel or OT/BF beyond class contact time is eligible.

Host agencies agree to provide:

1. Large building with the following features:
 - a. Parking lot or other similar “staging” area.
 - b. Access to the building from the outdoor staging area and the ability to approach the building with inert training weapons and tactical personal protective equipment.
 - c. Adequate classroom space for 24 students and multiple instructors (with tables and chairs) with screen, projector and computer suitable for PowerPoint projection.
 - d. 3 break-out rooms, each with space enough for 8 students and two instructors.
 - e. At least 2 large (6-8 feet wide) hallways with multiple doorways, intersections, and tile or concrete flooring. Examples include schools, colleges, and hospitals.
2. Restroom facilities with running water for all students and instructors.
3. Building with functioning heating and cooling as needed
4. Three (3) to Six (6) Police Officers who have completed all required prerequisite training (online) at least 10 days prior to hands-on training). One of the essential course concepts is integration of Fire/EMS personnel with Law Enforcement. Participating law enforcement officers should be those who would respond in an actual event: Local, County and State participation should be considered.

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