

S-258: Incident Communications Technician (COMT)

- Location:** Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy, Prescott, Arizona
- Date:** March 8-11, 2016
- Time:** 8:00 AM Tuesday to 5:00 PM Friday
- Length:** 32 Hours
- Tuition:** \$800.00 per student
- Description:** This course is designed to provide the prerequisite knowledge and skills necessary to perform the tasks of a communications technician (COMT) in the Incident Command System (ICS). Topics include installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of National Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC) communications equipment on incidents. The course consists of classroom instruction, field exercises, a written final exam, and a practical final exam.
- Objectives:**
- Identify and describe the responsibilities of the COMT prior to, during mobilization, and during demobilization.
 - Identify and explain basic communications theory, the capabilities of NIRSC specialty equipment and assist with installation, and hazards and risks on various incidents and how to mitigate them.
 - Recognize, plan for, and demonstrate the ability to provide adequate incident communications coverage.
 - Demonstrate proper installation of equipment, the ability to properly program NIRSC incident handheld radios, and the ability to accurately troubleshoot and field repair NIRSC equipment.
- Target Group:** Personnel desiring to be qualified as an Incident Communications Technician (COMT)
- Prerequisites:** None required, but suggested training and references include:
I-200, Basic Incident Command System training
S-110, Basic Fire Suppression Orientation training
S-130, Firefighter Training
Review of Interagency Aviation User Pocket Guide (NFES 001373, students will be provided a copy in class)
Review of National Incident Radio Support Cache User's Guide
(<http://www.nifc.gov/NIICD/documents.html#user>, NFES 000968, students will be provided a copy in class)
- Nomination Due Date:** This course is hosted by the Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy. Nominations and registrations must be submitted directly to the Academy **by February 5, 2016**. Register directly through the Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy website: www.azwildfireacademy.org. The Academy will collect the tuition fee from registered students.
- Please direct questions regarding the course content to Susan Bleeg. Please direct questions regarding registration, student selection, tuition payment, or course logistics to the Arizona Wildfire Academy at 928-442-3563 or info@azwildfireacademy.org.
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