

## **S-358: Communications Unit Leader (COML)**

- Location:** Boise, Idaho
- Date:** January 31 – February 2, 2017
- Time:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
- Length:** 24 Hours
- Tuition:** \$54.00 per student
- Description:** This course is designed to provide skills and knowledge needed to perform in the role of Communications Unit Leader (COML). Topics include mobilization, establishing the communications unit, communications system design and ordering, communications system installation and maintenance, communications equipment assignment and accountability, incident communications center, internal and external coordination, demobilization, and current communications issues and technology.
- Objectives:**
- Identify the functions of the communications unit and the duties and responsibilities of the communications unit leader.
  - Arrive at the incident properly equipped, gather information to assess the assignment, and begin initial planning activities of a communications unit leader.
  - Plan, staff, manage, and demobilize the communications unit in a safe and effective manner to meet the needs of the incident.
  - Coordinate with incident sections, appropriate communications, and other agencies and personnel to assist in accomplishing the overall incident objectives.
  - Design, order, and ensure the installation and maintenance of all communications systems to support the incident.
  - Maintain accountability of assigned communications equipment.
- Target Group:** Personnel desiring to be qualified as a Communications Unit Leader (COML)
- Prerequisites:** Qualified as an Incident Communications Technician (COMT)  
AND  
Qualified as an Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM)
- Nomination Process and Due Date:** Nominations must be submitted by **November 30, 2016**. Do NOT submit nominations through IQCS or through Great Basin Training for this session. Submit completed NWCG nomination forms directly to course coordinator, Kirk Maskalick.
- This course is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service. Upon course completion the USDA Forest Service will invoice each student or their agency for the tuition cost.
- Please direct any questions regarding the course or course logistics (including nominations, student selections and tuition payments) to Kirk Maskalick.
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