

DECISION MAKING FOR INITIAL COMPANY OPERATIONS

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UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION

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COURSE LOGISTICS

- Class hours
- Breaks
- Lunch
- Smoking policy
- Restrooms
- Location of fire exits and fire extinguishers
- Examination

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OBJECTIVE

The students will complete Activity 1.1 by introducing him/herself to the class.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NIMS/NRF

- First responder Department of Homeland Security (DHS) training requirement
- Factsheet



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Activity 1.1 Student Introductions

Purpose: To meet the instructors and other students

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COURSE GOAL

Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (DMICO) is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Newly appointed COs
- Review for experienced COs
- Firefighters who may have acting CO responsibilities
- Firefighters who want to become COs

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ACTIVITIES

- All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires.
- There will be a walk-through activity followed by one or more small group, scenario-driven activities for each area covered.
- A final, message-driven simulation activity will culminate Units 5 and 7.

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STUDENT MANUAL

- Support material (for use in class) for activities
- Text material (for postcourse reference)

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COURSE UNITS

- Unit 1: Introduction
- Unit 2: Integration of the National Incident Management System to Fireground Management
- Unit 3: Fireground Decision Making
- Unit 4: Building Construction Types
- Unit 5: The Analytical Sizeup Process
- Unit 6: Burn Time Considerations and Line-of-Duty Deaths from Collapse Incidents
- Unit 7: Fireground Decision Making Exercises

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UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION

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UNIT 2: INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO FIREGROUND MANAGEMENT

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS)-- the integration of NIMS into fireground management

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UNIT 3: FIREGROUND DECISION MAKING

Naturalistic Decision Making (NDM)-- discusses the use of a logical thought process to follow for decision making and action planning

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UNIT 4: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Discusses and describes the strengths and weaknesses of building construction types

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UNIT 5: THE ANALYTICAL SIZEUP PROCESS

Describes the analytical sizeup and Command sequence processes

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UNIT 6: BURN TIME CONSIDERATIONS AND LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS FROM COLLAPSE INCIDENTS

Describes burn time consideration and identifies collapse potential while focusing on line-of-duty deaths (LODDs) from firefighting operations

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UNIT 7: FIREGROUND DECISION MAKING EXERCISES

Exercises challenge students to address fire incidents at:

- Type I Construction
- Type II Construction
- Type III Construction
- Type IV Construction
- Type V Construction

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SUMMARY

In this course you will be required to complete activities and exercises that are designed to enhance your decision making skills as a fireground commander.

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