

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

G0290 BASIC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND G0291 JOINT INFORMATION SYSTEM/CENTER PLANNING FOR TRIBAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

DATE: Tuesday, February 18-Thursday, February 20, 2020

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: [Washington Street Conference Center](#)
102 SW Washington St
Hillsboro OR 97132

COST: None

INSTRUCTORS: **Dave Thompson, APR**, former Public Affairs Program Manager with Oregon Dept. of Transportation and **Beth Anne Steele**, Public Affairs Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Portland Office.

Assisting them will be **Felicia Heaton**, Public Information Manager with the Portland Water Bureau, and **Jaymee Cuti**, PIO with the Portland Water Bureau.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This combined course provides participants with an overview of communication needs and strategies for Public Information Officers (PIOs) before, during, and after an emergency. Over the three days, participants will define the role of PIOs within the Incident Command System (ICS), learn the benefits and challenges of working with multiple PIOs in joint information systems, study and apply effective news release writing and interview guidance, and identify strategies for building partnerships at all levels. This course is a mix of lecture and hands-on learning, providing a well-rounded educational experience.

PREREQUISITES:

- [IS0029.a](#): Public Information Officer Awareness Training or G0289 Public Information Officer Awareness
- [IS0100](#): An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
- [IS0909](#): Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The primary audience for this training is individuals who have public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function at the federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial level of government, and in the private and nongovernmental sectors.

REGISTRATION: **Laura Teahl, Washington County Emergency Management**
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FEMA Student ID Required for Registration. To register for one, click [here](#).

Note: It is strongly recommended that these courses be taken together, even if you only need one of the two certifications. The curriculum was recently updated.