

# Online Resources for Disaster Training

## Introduction

As deployed volunteers, we may find ourselves working along side state and municipal emergency managers, FEMA staff and other voluntary agencies. In order to integrate well, we must all understand and speak the same “language” when responding to a disaster. This page contains resources and recommended courses from the FEMA Emergency Management Institute’s Independent Study Program, including the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). Also included are several additional online resources and training videos from PDA and other sources that will provide information and tools you can use in the field.

## FEMA Courses

FEMA Independent Study (IS) online courses can be found at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

PDA does not require these, but the following are required to be NIMS compliant.

- IS 100-Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS 700-National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
- IS 800-National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction
- IS 200- ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
  - These courses are offered online, and are the prerequisites for:
- ICS 300-Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- ICS 400-Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
  - These courses are only offered in classroom settings because they are designed for group interaction.

## Additional FEMA Resources

Resources specifically relating to faith-based organizations can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/protecting-houses-worship>

Of particular interest: IS-505 - [Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster](#)

## PDA Videos

Don’t forget about the PDA Vimeo page!

<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources/list/?media=video> or  
<https://vimeo.com/user6857107>

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There are several great training videos on the PDA Vimeo page including:

- "The Cost of Caring" video that PDA produced for Compassion Fatigue
- "The Blue Shirt Ministry"
- "The Healing Love of Christ"
- "Ministry of Presence"
- "Self-Care for Volunteers"
- "Volunteer Hosting Sites training version"

## Church World Service Webinars

<http://cwsglobal.org/our-work/emergencies/webinars/>

*Church World Service (CWS) has hosted a number of webinars related to long term recovery and ways to prepare for and respond to disaster. Recordings of many of these trainings are available at the links below.*

- **Long Term Recovery Basics** – published 4/14/15  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLHpp0FHmbM>
- **Disaster Preparedness** – 3/18/15  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpGhQXGWVM8>
- **Emotional & Spiritual Care following a Disaster** – 2/27/15  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iROWehRjY>
- **The Future of LTRGs** – 1/14/15  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBuPHDBL5nU>
- **What is a COAD and why does your community need one?** – 11/19/14  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7v0F1rgLA>
- **Long Term Recovery: An Overview** – 10/22/14  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ybT3Gme2Vc>
- **When Disaster Strikes: How Your Congregation or Organization Can Prepare Itself for Disaster** – 9/29/14  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krtwd44vMIg>
- **Long Term Recovery Basics** – 6/13/14  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrlaChZyU3U> – Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WAae-pNIc> – Part 2  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eG004b8fQew> – Part 3  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqoszoWwdB8> – Part 4

- **Disabilities & Disaster and the FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison** – 4/23/14  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8s611\\_AzNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8s611_AzNo)
- **Health and Safety in Disaster Recovery** – 9/12/13  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN\\_tt0jcBks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN_tt0jcBks)
- **Who does what in disaster recovery?** – 6/4/13  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_RhZ9Szicc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_RhZ9Szicc)
- **Social Media for Long Term Recovery** – 11/14/12  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJkMwoKOvgo>
- **Disaster Case Management and the Long-Term Recovery** – 8/9/12  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMdPNifjguA>

## Other Resources

Psychological First Aid course - <http://www.nctsn.org/content/psychological-first-aid>

"Just in Time" Video site (overwhelming, but good) - <http://www.drc-group.com/project/jitt.html>

"Just in Time" Video on Active Listening -  
<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/qpi/activeLis/activeLis.html>

American Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/disaster-training>

Active Shooter: Run> Hide> Fight - <https://police.fsu.edu/survivingactiveshooter> and  
<https://emilms.fema.gov/IS907/media/94.mp4>

Raging Water | Trailer | South Carolina ETV Documentary -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wekN5BCoAy4>

Donate Responsibly Campaign (NVOAD) – shows how and why cash works best for disaster donations - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12cNBNKIXv8>