



# Policy Statement

## EMS Course Requirements for Hazmat Response Education

### Purpose

To provide guidance to course sponsor and educators on the Bureau's educational requirements that all students meeting minimum awareness competencies as First Responders in Hazardous Materials Incidents, including acts of terrorism where Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) may have been used, Incident Command System (ICS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

### Scope

For all course sponsors and students enrolled in BEMS approved original and refresher course at all certification levels.

### Policy

All students enrolled in original and refresher programs must achieve minimum competencies in their courses by meeting the following objectives:

- Meets standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.120 (q) (6) (i) (a-f) "First Responder Awareness Level"
- Meets the standards set by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Association in the current National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards.
- Completion of IS-100.a
- Completion of IS-700.a
- Completion of IS-200.a (Recommended for BLS & Required for Paramedic students)

These objectives may be met by one of the approved courses listed in this policy, by a course that meets or exceeds the objectives and is submitted for approval by the Bureau, or by a qualified subject matter expert who meets the requirements listed below.

Courses not directly listed in this policy must be submitted for approval at least ninety days prior to the start of the course. They must meet or exceed the most current standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.120 (q) (6) (i) (a-f) "First Responder Awareness Level". If a course sponsor wishes to utilize a subject matter expert, the session curriculum must be submitted it for approval in the same manner and include the credentials of the individual they wish to teach it.

The courses that are already approved for use are:

- WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders Online- T&M Engineering Extension Service.
  - <https://teex.org/class/AWR160/>
- Hazardous Materials Awareness |FEMA- Center for Domestic Preparedness
  - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/AWR-358%20dL>

Only the course provided online by FEMA may be used for compliance of the IS-100.a and IS-700.a requirements unless otherwise approved by the department.

Courses completed online for this policy do not count against the hours required to satisfy the synchronous requirements necessary for NYS courses.

For refresher student's course sponsors may accept courses completed prior to enrollment if it is already approved by the Bureau and listed on this policy.

Course sponsors should keep relevant documentation of the course/materials used and student compliance in the appropriate course file and student files.

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