

Legal Issues and Disasters: Things You Should Know MGT—366



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8am—5pm

WV State Police
Academy (PDC)

The National Legal Preparedness Training Program (NLPTP)

Offers a Department of Homeland
Security-Certified Course on
Legal Issues and Disasters
to

West Virginia

West Virginia Intended to transcend the artificial divide between “law” and “operations” or between “policy” and “practice”, **Legal Issues and Disasters: Things You Should Know** will examine a range of legal issues and potential legal liabilities involved in protecting public health and safety in the event of a catastrophic event.

Legal Issues and Disasters: Things You Should Know (MGT—366), a free course developed by the National Legal Preparedness Training Program at the University of the District of Columbia and certified by FEMA, will empower emergency managers, planners, first responders and voluntary organizations active in disasters in West Virginia with the planning and management-level skills they need to identify key legal issues and potential liabilities that typically arise during emergencies.

Using a case study approach, participants in this 8-hour instructor-led course will examine legal issues surrounding selected emergency management challenges, be introduced to relevant legal guidance and emerging trends, and through discussion with other participants gain a sense of the larger operational and policy constraints faced by different actors involved in emergency planning, response and recovery.

It may be useful if 2-3 members from the same agency, organization, or entity attend as a team. That way, when participants return to their workplace, they can more easily implement what they learned. Of course attending as a team is not required.

Participants are strongly encouraged to have a working knowledge of the National Incident Management System, civil rights issues, planning with tribal governments, and public assistance programs. This knowledge can be gained through completion of FEMA Independent Study Courses IS-700a, IS-21.11, and IS-650a. These courses are NOT required prerequisites for the **Legal Issues and Disasters** course.

To Register, Go to : www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6

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Legal Issues and Disasters: Things You Need to Know

This course is a survey of legal issues that typically arise during emergencies. The goal of the course is to enhance the ability of state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, emergency managers and planners, first responders, and VOADs to identify potential legal issues.

The course:

- Empowers participants to identify issues and liabilities that can arise within their jurisdiction or agency responsibilities.
- Provides information regarding practices which support inclusion of whole communities which may require policy development or revisions to operations and practices.
- Examines the impact legal policies have on operations practice.

Target Audience

- State, tribal, territorial, and local key advisors and legal counsel.
- Operational personnel such as emergency managers, planners, and first responders.
- Personnel with comparable roles in community and faith-based non-profit organizations that provide services in an emergency.

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Legal Issues Covered

- Emergency Operations Planning
- Implications of ADA & Civil Rights for Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Evacuation
- Emergency Shelters
- Out-of-State Volunteers
- Stafford Act
- Emergency and Disaster Declaration Process
- Debris Management
- Public Assistance Reimbursement

Case Study

Using a case study approach, participants will examine legal issues surrounding selected emergency management challenges, be introduced to relevant legal guidance and emerging trends, and through discussion with other participants gain a sense of the larger operational and policy constraints faced by different actors involved in emergency planning, response and recovery.

Prerequisites

None, but several FEMA Independent Study Program (ISP) courses are recommended:

- IS-700a National Incident Management System
- IS-650a Building Partnerships with Tribal Governments
- IS-21.11 Civil Rights and FEMA Disaster Assistance



Course Length

Eight contact hours of instructor-led training (ILT)

Management & Planning Level Course

This course is geared to the Management/Planning Level and as such is designed for managers who develop plans and coordinate the response to a mass consequence terrorist or natural event.

Where Courses Will Be Offered

We will work with the Department of Homeland Security State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) to offer the instructor-led course in all 50 states and the six U.S. territories.

Contact Us!!!!

If you are interested in more information about the **Legal Issues and Disasters** course, please do not hesitate to contact us.

