



S-355: Ground Support Unit Leader (2000)

Course Plan

Course Details

Description:	This course is designed to prepare students to perform the duties of managing the transportation plan, maintenance and related services at an incident. Topics include gathering information about the assignment; organizing, staffing, and laying out the unit; field inspection of equipment; operation and coordination of the unit with other units, and demobilization.
Designed For:	Personnel desiring to be qualified as Ground Support Unit Leader (GSUL).
Authority:	National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
Prerequisites:	Qualified as Equipment Manager (EQPM).
Standard:	N/A
Hours:	15.5 hours
Maximum Class Size:	40 (30 Recommended by NWCG)
Instructor Level:	Primary instructor
Instructor/Student Ratio:	1 primary instructor per 40 students
Restrictions:	Limited to Instructor-Led Delivery only.
SFT Designation:	FSTEP

Required Resources

Instructor Resources

To teach this course, instructors need:

- S-355 Instructor Guide
- S-355 CD-ROM Course Materials
- S-355 Student Workbook

These materials are available to order through the National Fire Equipment System (NFES).

Student Resources

To participate in this course, students need:

- S-355 Student Workbook
- NFES 2348 Ground Support Unit Leader Task book,
- NFES 1558 Equipment Manager Job Aid J-255
- NFES 0065 Fireline Handbook PMS 410-1
- NFES 2150 North American Emergency Response Guide

Facilities, Equipment, and Personnel

The following facilities, equipment, or personnel are required to deliver this course:

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- Standard classroom equipped for 30 students
- Whiteboards or easel pads with appropriate writing implements
- Projector/TV with appropriate laptop connections
- Wifi/Internet access

Time Table

Segment			Unit Total
Unit 0: Introduction			0.5
Unit 1: Prepare and gather information for the incident assignments			1.5
Unit 2: Organizing/Staffing Unit			2.5
Unit 3: Layout			2.5
Unit 4: Lab			3.5
Unit 5: Routine			2.0
Unit 6: Coordination			2.0
Unit 7: Demobilization			1.0
Course Totals			15.5

Time Table Key

1. The Time Table documents the amount of time required to deliver the content included in the course plan.
2. Time is documented using the quarter system: 15 min. = .25 / 30 min. = .50 / 45 min. = .75 / 60 min. = 1.0.
3. The Course Totals do not reflect time for lunch (1 hour) or breaks (10 minutes per each 50 minutes of instruction or assessment). It is the instructor's responsibility to add this time based on the course delivery schedule.
4. Application (activities, skills exercises, and formative testing) time will vary depending on the number of students enrolled and the acquired structure selected for training. The Application time documented is based on the maximum class size identified in the Course Details section.
5. Summative Assessments are determined and scheduled by the authority having jurisdiction. These are not the written or psychomotor State Fire Training certification exams. These are in-class assessments to evaluate student progress and calculate course grades.

Objectives

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1. Arrive at an incident properly equipped, gather information to assess the assignment and begin initial planning activities of a Ground Support Unit Leader (GSUL).
2. Plan, staff, and manage the ground support unit to meet the needs of the incident in a safe manner.
3. Coordinate with the logistics units and other sections to assist in accomplishing the overall objectives of the incident.
4. Demobilize the ground support unit.