



# S-430: Operations Section Chief (2006) Course Plan

## Course Details

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| <b>Description:</b>              | This course is designed to meet the training needs of the Operations Section Chief Type 2 (OSC2). This course is designed to be interactive in nature and contains several exercises designed to facilitate group and classroom discussion. |
| <b>Designed For:</b>             | Personnel desiring to be qualified as Operations Section Chief Type 2 (OSC2).   |
| <b>Authority:</b>                | National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)   |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b>            | Qualified as Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS).  |
| <b>Standard:</b>                 | N/A   |
| <b>Hours:</b>                    | 24 hours  |
| <b>Maximum Class Size:</b>       | 40 (25 Recommended by NWCG)   |
| <b>Instructor Level:</b>         | Primary instructor  |
| <b>Instructor/Student Ratio:</b> | 1 primary instructor per 40 students (NWCG Recommends 1:4)  |
| <b>Restrictions:</b>             | Limited to Instructor-Led Delivery only.  |
| <b>SFT Designation:</b>          | FSTEP   |

## **Required Resources**

### **Instructor Resources**

To teach this course, instructors need:

- S-430 Instructor Guide
- S-430 CD-ROM Course Materials
- S-430 DVD "Hall Fire Agency Administrator's Briefing"
- S-430 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-430 Student Workbook

### **Facilities, Equipment, and Personnel**

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

#### **Facilities**

- Standard classroom equipped for 24 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 |  |  | 2.0         |
| Unit 1: Planning     |  |  | 12.0        |
| Unit 2: Supervision  |  |  | 6.0         |
| Unit 3: Coordination |  |  | 3.0         |
| Final Exam           |  |  | 1.0         |
|                      |  |  |             |
| <b>Course Totals</b> |  |  | <b>24.0</b> |

**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. Explain the four elements of planning critical to the OSC: information gathering, strategy meetings, preparation of the Incident Action Plan (ICS 215), and the OSC role in demobilization.
2. Discuss OSC supervision responsibilities that pertain to: operational period briefings, managing the operations section, risk assessment and safety management, and adjusting tactics.
3. Describe the OSC role in external and internal coordination.