



S-430AR: Operations Section Chief All Risk (2000)

Course Plan

Course Details

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| Description: | This course presents the command, management, and supervision concepts necessary to function as an Operations Section Chief. Topics include command principles, organization of the operations section, briefings, developing the operations portion of the incident action plan, and supervising operations. |
| Designed For: | Individuals qualifying within the ICS as an Operations Section Chief. |
| Authority: | FIRESCOPE |
| Prerequisites: | I-400, S-330, S-339 |
| Standard: | N/A |
| Hours: | 32 hours |
| Maximum Class Size: | 40 |
| Instructor Level: | Primary instructor |
| Instructor/Student Ratio: | 1 primary instructor per 40 students |
| Restrictions: | None. |
| SFT Designation: | FSTEP |

Required Resources

Instructor Resources

To teach this course, instructors need:

Required

- ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide (Pocket)
- Instructor Guide
- Student Manual

Online Instructor Resources

The following instructor resources are available online at

<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/state-fire-training/fstep-curriculum/>

- Student Manual
- Instructor Guide
- Instructor PowerPoint

Student Resources

To participate in this course, students need:

- ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide (Pocket)
- Student Manual

Facilities, Equipment, and Personnel

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

Facilities

- Standard classroom equipped for 40 students
- Whiteboards or easel pads with appropriate writing implements
- Projector/TV with appropriate laptop connections
- Wifi/Internet access

See Instructor Guide for additional information

Time Table

| Segment | Time | | Unit Total |
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| Unit 1: Course Introduction | | | |
| Course Introduction | 1.0 | | |
| Operations Section Chief Role & Responsibilities | 2.0 | | |
| Unit 1 Totals | 3.0 | | 3.0 |
| Unit 2: Planning | | | |
| Management Cycle | 2.0 | | |
| Information Gathering | 1.0 | | |
| Strategy and Planning | 2.0 | | |
| Structure Protection Planning | 2.0 | | |
| Demobilization Planning | 0.5 | | |
| Unit 2 Totals | 7.5 | | 7.5 |
| Unit 3: Supervision | | | |
| Supervision and Communication | 2.0 | | |
| Managing and Adjusting the Operations | 2.0 | | |
| Risk Assessment and Safety Management | 1.0 | | |
| Unit 3 Total | 5.0 | | 5.0 |
| Unit 4: Coordination | | | |
| Personnel Interaction | 7.0 | | |
| Unit 4 Total | 7.0 | | 7.0 |

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. Information on assessing incident assignments and determining immediate needs and actions.
2. Information to prepare for strategy meetings and planning meetings to develop the Incident Action Plan.
3. Information to assist in the development, approval, and implementation of the Demobilization Plan.
4. The opportunity to participate in an Operational Period Briefing.
5. Information to manage and adjust the operations organization.
6. An understanding of why and when tactics may need to be adjusted.
7. Information on the role of the OSC in risk assessment and safety management.
8. The opportunity to demonstrate how to successfully coordinate internal and external relations.