

Auburn University  
Center for Governmental Services

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT for GOVERNMENT and the PUBLIC SECTOR

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Course Description

The second course, **Resource Management**, begins August 10 and ends September 6, 2009 and is being taught by Dr. Hank Christen.

The primary objective of this course is to develop a basic understanding of the planning, preparation and implementation of a resource management system to support the logistics needs of a disaster, attack, or major community emergency. The simplified definition of a disaster is when a community, jurisdiction, or region exhausts its immediate resources creating a resource-scarce environment. In the 21st century we have experienced an escalation of threats (natural, technological, and manmade) that challenges our communities and social systems. The structure of this course is based on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as prescribed by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5). It is critical that rural, suburban, urban, and regional entities plan and prepare to allocate, manage, and track resources in coordination and collaboration with state and federal agencies. Those issues and plans for development will be addressed during this course.

Topics Addressed:

- Introduction and development of a community threat assessment for natural, technological and manmade incidents.
- Overview of the logistics and resource needs in a disaster and the structure and function of the logistics section in the NIMS including communications, resource requirements, and communications failure protocols.
- Organization, implementation and sustainment of a NIMS Preparedness Entity for resource planning and management.
- Effective establishment and operation of a NIMS Multi-agency coordination System (MACS) to provide resources for tactical emergency operations.

Each of the five courses required for completion of the certification program are offered exclusively on-line; each last for four weeks.

Certificates will be awarded following successful completion of each course, with recognition of certification and a lapel pin being awarded following completion of all five courses. The fee for each course is \$400; text books and materials are not included in that fee. A course registration form is attached.

Additional information about the Emergency Management certificate program and about registration can be found by visiting the CGS website at [www.auburn.edu/outreach/cgs](http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/cgs), or by calling the Center at (334) 844-4899.