

**Auburn University
Center for Governmental Services**

***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT for GOVERNMENT
and the PUBLIC SECTOR***

Course Description

Resource Management

The second course, **Resource Management**, is being offered from August 8 – September 4, 2011 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 present Gulf Coast oil spill is a disaster because it is a dynamic and unpredictable threat that challenges the resource and incident management capabilities of local/state governments and private sector entities. 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 will include the following:

- 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.
- A final course project requires the development of a resource and incident management plan for the Gulf oil spill.

For information concerning enrollment in this online course contact The Center for Governmental Services at (334) 844-4782 or access the website linked to: www.auburn.edu/outreach/cgs