

# SPSA Training Opportunities

## Overview

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) supports all Saskatchewan communities in the development and maintenance of their emergency plans. These workshops provide step-by-step processes for communities to develop and implement their emergency plans.

In addition to these workshops, the SPSA offers workshops and training to supplement emergency plans. This training includes Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training and certification for first responders to measure their skills and knowledge against recognized international standards. In addition to responder specific training, the SPSA offers courses to help first responders successfully use Incident Command System principles (based on ICS Canada curriculum) in order to coordinate with the emergency management structures.

If a community has a volunteer or career fire department, the SPSA offers a Wildland Fire Suppression Awareness Workshop, which is designed to assist fire departments in understanding basic wildland fire behaviour and wildland fire suppression tactics.

Whether delivered online, in a classroom or right in your community, these courses are offered to municipalities at no charge. To find out more, contact your SPSA Emergency Services Officer (ESO) or call 1-800-667-9660 or register online.

## ICS I-100: Orientation to Incident Command System (ICS)

The ICS represents organizational "best practices" and has become the standard for emergency management across the country. This online course will cover the basics of the Incident Command model of emergency management. All members of emergency services should take this course so they are aware of how the Incident Command model works.

A certificate will be issued once the self-study test is successfully completed and submitted to the SPSA.

Prerequisites: None

## ICS I-200: Basic ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

This two-day course provides training and resources for those who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS during an emergency response. The course units and lessons provide an introduction to leadership and management, delegation of authority and management by objectives, functional areas and positions, briefings, organizational flexibility, and transfer of command.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100

## ICS I-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

This three-day course is designed to enable individuals to operate efficiently using the ICS in a supervisory role on expanding incidents. The course units and lessons provide a review of ICS fundamentals, assessing incidents and setting objectives, unified command, resource management, the planning process, demobilization, transfer, and termination of command of an incident.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100 and ICS I-200

## ICS I-400: Advanced Incident Command System

This two-day course is designed to enable individuals to operate efficiently in the advanced application of the ICS. This course provides training for personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in a complex incident environment.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100, ICS I-200 and ICS I-300

## Incident Command System (ICS) Instructor

Once you have completed all four levels of ICS training and gained extensive experience on several incidents, using ICS principles and filling several ICS positions, you could become an ICS instructor. Contact your local ESO for more information on the application process.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100, ICS I-200, ICS I-300, ICS I-400 and extensive experience

## Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment & Recovery Time Objective Workshop (HRVA & RTO)

This two-day workshop combines important concepts from business continuity and emergency management hazard risk assessments. The outcome of this intensive two-day workshop will be an electronic tool that a community can use to prioritize the actions and resources needed to help recover its critical infrastructure from a disruptive event. The workshop is designed for small-to medium-sized communities who do not have business continuity plans. The workshop can be used by a community to complete their HRVA for the first time, or as a process to refresh their HRVA while adding in the valuable Recovery Time Objective priorities of the planning tool.

Prerequisites: Participating communities must have an emergency bylaw and an emergency committee in place.

## Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) – Level 1

This one-day course covers the characteristics and organization of a standard municipal EOC. Through a series of lectures, discussions and exercises, participants will gain the knowledge and skills they need to work as a team member to recognize disruptive events that could impact their community and identify potential trigger points that could be used to appropriately activate their EOC during an emergency.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100

## Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) – Level 2

This two-day course will provide participants with training that promotes the SPSA's standardized approach to working in a community EOC. The EOC Level 2 course is unique because the lecture portion of training constitutes only half of the coursework. The other half of class time is dedicated to working through an emergency exercise that will evolve in order to touch on the concepts of preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. The EOC 2 exercise will require participants to apply the knowledge they have gained from the pre-requisite training programs, as well as the EOC 2 discussions and lectures. When completed, participants will understand how to apply key concepts of the Incident Command System and their emergency plan within their EOC. Completion of EOC Level 2 requires attendance for both days.

Prerequisites:

- 1) Completed EOC 1 (or the community has been assessed by an ESO as meeting those requirements).
- 2) A complete and up-to-date community hazard analysis (or been assessed by an ESO as meeting those requirements).
- 3) Committee members must be certified in ICS 200 (or have been involved in a community emergency exercise within the last five years).
- 4) An up to date community emergency plan, shared with SPSA.
- 5) A facility that has been identified to function as the community EOC.

## Emergency Plan Development Workshop

This half-day workshop is designed to educate participants about emergency management legislative authority and program policy. It provides a step-by-step process for communities to develop and implement an emergency plan for their community.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100 Recommended

## Wildland Fire Suppression Awareness Workshop

This two-day awareness workshop is designed for firefighters and individuals who directly and indirectly encounter and fight wildland fires in Saskatchewan. The course provides information on fire behaviour, safety, equipment, aircraft, communications and tactics that can be used to fight a wildland fire.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100

## Emergency Vehicle Operations (previously SEVO)

This training is currently under review by the SPSA.

Volunteer firefighters may use their personal vehicles during an emergency, but they must complete the Emergency Vehicle Operations training before they can use emergency warning devices on their vehicles. This follows provincial legislation – *The Traffic Safety Act*. The RM must have a current by-law in place, prior to training, to allow for personal vehicles to be used for emergency responses.

Prerequisites: None

## Fire Service Certification (IFSAC)

Many fire departments use certification when assessing firefighters for advancement or when hiring new members.

Saskatchewan follows National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards for the professional qualification of firefighters. The SPSA is accredited under the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) to certify firefighters under selected NFPA Standards.

Firefighters who want to gain certification are known as participants. Upon completion of training, a participant may apply to be examined on the standard(s) they wish to complete. Certification in each standard requires a different combination of recognized prerequisites, written evaluations and practical skills evaluation.

Prerequisites: None

## SaskAlert Training

Communities and jurisdictions, including first responder organizations, can be trained to issue alerts (or have their alerts issued for them) through the provincial emergency alerting system, SaskAlert. There is no cost to participate and no special equipment required.

Prerequisites: None