

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB)/Metro Region EMS is pleased to provide an Emergency Management Institute (EMI) L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML) Course. The course shall be delivered at MESB, 2099 University Ave. West, St Paul, MN, April 27-30, 2020.

The Communications Unit Leader (COML) plays a critical support role within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS establishes basic principles, practical tools, and definitive nomenclature and structure for supporting incident-based emergency response. The Communications Unit Leader (COML) heads the Communications Unit and is responsible for integrating communications and ensuring that operations are supported by communications, including developing plans to effectively use incident communications equipment and facilities, managing distribution of communications equipment to incident personnel, and coordinating the installation and testing of communications equipment. The COML **must** understand ICS and local response systems to support the efforts of incident personnel.

Class Prerequisites

To attend this course, applicants must have the following prerequisites:

- A public safety communications background with exposure to field operations; this experience should be validated by the authority who supervises the applicant.
- Basic knowledge of local communications and communications systems; frequencies and spectrum; technologies; local topography; system site locations including knowledge of state, regional, and local communication plans; and communications and resource contacts.
- Completion of the following FEMA training courses:
 - IS-100.b, Introduction to the ICS (**available online**)
 - IS-200.b, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents (**available online**)
 - IS-700.a, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction (**available online**)
 - IS-800.b, National Response Framework (NRF), an Introduction (**available online**)
 - ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (MESB sponsoring ICS-300 class January 29-30, 2020)**
 - *ICS-400, Advanced ICS, Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents, is recommended. (MESB sponsoring ICS-400 class March 11-12, 2020)**

FEMA Student Identification (SID)

Students must obtain a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number from the Center for Domestic Preparedness if they do not already have one. To register for a SID, applicants should go to **<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>**. On the right of the screen, clicking on “Need a FEMA SID” allows an applicant to register. Applicants will receive the SID via email.

* REGISTER FOR THE CLASS ONLINE AT: **www.emsmn.org**

* Registration deadline **April 20, 2020**

This class is a full four-day training session. Food will be provided.

**When: April 27-30, 2020 (4-day class Monday-Thursday)
8:00 am-4:30pm**

**Where: Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
2099 University Ave. West
St Paul, MN 55104**