



Don't forget to sign up for one of the Pre-conference events occurring at VEMS this year!

We will give course location and logistics information once folks register to prevent day of walk ups. We will form a waitlist as needed and we ask that folks email ***emtraining@vdem.virginia.gov*** if they need to withdraw from preconference class so we can fill classes.

### **March 16-17, 2025, Pre-Conference Events**

**Pre-Conference Course Registration link:** <https://forms.office.com/g/C7U3L3PFmR>

#### **Zero to COML (25 seats open)**

8am- 5pm both days – 16-hour class

Are you a public safety telecommunicator or manager supporting interoperable communications for events and emergencies? Whether you're a fresh telecommunicator, a seasoned ECC leader, an emergency manager or field responder, or just comms-curious, this class is for you! Been to COML or COMT but it's been a while? Need to refresh knowledge or test some skills? This class is also for you! First, you'll spend some time in the classroom with experienced trainers and mentors from the Virginia Communications Cache. Then put on your comfortable shoes, because you're going outside to learn and practice with radios, repeaters, towers, VOIP and more! Finally, we'll work through a simulated event together, testing and learning along the way.

Topics that will be discussed in this course will include:

- Review of CISA's existing "COMU Overview" materials
- COML Overview and Discussion
- Different radio system technologies (system type, frequency bands, analog/digital, conventional/trunking, interoperability channels)
- Networks, PTS, GETS/WPS, TSP
- Developing a 205 with emphasis on local development and creation of 217
- Use of ICC, INCM, and INTD

The course is presented with facilitated lecture and hands-on exercises. It involves extensive interactive discussion and exercises. Certified instructors work through the discussions and exercises to explain in detail the processes used to achieve communication operability, interoperability, and how to incorporate additional communications solutions. There's a lot between zero and COML, and this class is your passport to the Virginia Communications Unit. The only prerequisite is curiosity.

**Disclaimer: This class does not result in any qualification or certification. While some exercise-based skills may be used for position task book (PTB) signoff, this is not a PTB communications exercise.**

There are no mandatory prerequisites to attend this course.

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**G108- Community Mass Care Management (25 seats open)**

8am-5pm both days – 16-hour class

This course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as effective Mass Care Coordinators in a broad range of disaster situations. The focus is to enable communities to plan for and manage mass care which can lead to increased mass care capability and flexibility at the community level. Topics include sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency supplies, access and functional needs, reunification services, evacuee support, and support to household pets and service animals. The course is intended for State, tribal, and local government emergency management, social services, public health, and other government agency staff as well as voluntary agency personnel who provide mass care assistance and services.

Target Audience: This course is designed for State, Tribal, Territorial, and local officials who are proven trainers and/or mass care subject matter experts that have interest in becoming members of a trainer cadre to provide this course statewide to state, regional, and local mass care planning partners.

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**March 17, 2025, Events**

**Outside the Yellow Tape: Family Assistance Planning and Operations (25 seats open)**

9am-5pm, 8-hour course – 1 day

The goal of this course is to provide an understanding of the family assistance operations model to enable participants to effectively plan for and operationalize humanitarian assistance for those impacted by a mass casualty/fatality incident.

Audience: Local and state representatives from: Emergency Management, Social Services, Behavioral Health, Victim Assistance, Schools, Public Affairs, Law Enforcement, Medical Examiners, and other community partners that may support a family assistance operation.

Recommended training prerequisite: ICS 100, 200, 700, 800

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**IHE Caucus Annual Meeting**

9am-3:30pm

Please email [ihe@vemaweb.org](mailto:ihe@vemaweb.org) for registration and additional information.

**VEMS25 Onsite Check-in** 6:30- 8pm

**VEMS25 Vendor Hall Grand Opening and Reception** 6:30 – 8:30pm