

G250.7 Rapid Needs Assessment

Location: ROIC, W. Trenton

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Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Required course for the Advanced Professional Series (APS) certificate.

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Additional Information link:

Rapid Needs Assessment Course information:

The ability of local governments to perform a rapid assessment accurately and within the first few hours after an incident is critical to providing an adequate local government response for life-threatening situations and imminent hazards. Coordinated and timely assessments allow local governments to prioritize response activities, allocate scarce resources, and request mutual aid and State and Federal assistance quickly and accurately.

The goal of this course is to provide the Rapid Assessment Coordinator and other personnel involved in rapid assessment with a tool to facilitate planning and implementing rapid assessment procedures, which will provide local personnel with the skills and knowledge needed to collect and report disaster intelligence immediately following an event; and procedures and forms they need to conduct rapid assessments.

Additionally, the forms and procedures for conducting a Damage Assessment in New Jersey will be addressed. Damage Assessment is a critical part of developing a data used to provide financial assistance after a disaster in the form of Individual and Public Assistance

Course Objectives

- Explain the purpose of Rapid needs Assessment
- Describe the starting point for planning for Rapid Needs Assessments
- Describe the process for staffing a rapid needs assessment
- Describe the basic tools required to support the rapid needs assessment process
- Describe the importance of planning for data collection
- Describe the importance of redundant data transmission systems and means
- Describe the importance of analyzing and reviewing data
- Describe additional data sources available to support analysis
- Describe the various methods of training that can be used to support the program
- Describe how rapid needs assessment plans and actions can be exercised in the community
- Describe the process used in damage assessment following a disaster

Target Audience

This course is designed for emergency services or other personnel who have rapid assessment responsibilities or who may be designated as Rapid Assessment Coordinators and personnel involved in the Damage Assessment process.