



Good Day,

I would like welcome all of our new members. My name is Robert Holland and I am the Training Section Chief. My job is to assist all of our new members in becoming familiarized with how the Medical Reserve Corps works.

All new members need to be familiarized with how the nation responds to large scale events and disasters. We respond to large scale man made or natural disasters using the National Incident Management System (NIMS). There are several mandatory online courses that are used to train all First Responders and Volunteers to better understand how we operate and communicate during large scale events.

I am going to ask anyone that has never taken these courses to go online to FEMA Emergency Management Institute and register. You will be issued a FEMA Student ID Number. This number will be used to track the training you take with FEMA.

To Register with FEMA for a Student ID please log into the following website.

[FEMA Student ID Registration](#)

Once you have received your FEMA Student ID, please go to the FEMA Emergency Management Institute and register for the following online courses.

1. IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
2. IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
3. IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
4. IS-800.C: National Response Framework, an Introduction

On the website, you will find the online course and the direction on how to take the online exam using your FEMA Student ID.

After you have completed your courses online you will receive a Certificate of Completion. These certificates will need to be forwarded to our training division to properly track and record that our members are ICS compliant. We have established an email to assist members with forwarding their completion certificates. Please forward all certificates to [training@ridmat.org](mailto:training@ridmat.org).

Once again, welcome to the team and we look forward to working with you. Your desire to step forward and use your training, knowledge and compassion towards your community is truly amazing.

Respectfully,

Robert Holland, BA, NRP

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