The Communications Technician (COMT) course trains personnel to serve as communications technicians during all-hazards emergency operations or planned events. Since 2010, the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS CISA) has conducted COMT courses across the nation and trained more than 3,375 students in this course.

**Description**

This class provides introductory and refresher training for the NIMS ICS COMT position. It introduces public safety professionals and support staff to various communications concepts and technologies including interoperable communications solutions, LMR communications, satellite, telephone, data, and computer technologies used in incident response and planned events. Participants develop the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the COMT in an all-hazards incident, including responsibilities while operating in a local, regional, or State-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

The course is instructor-led and supports learning through discussion, lecture, participation in multiple activities, and hands-on lab work to explain processes used for establishment and operation of the technical communications resources for an incident or planned event. The course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of a COMT. It is designed for emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background.

This course is five days long and is limited to 16 students.

**Class Prerequisites**

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

- Have a technical communications background
- Have an awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
- Completion of the following **FEMA** independent study (IS) training courses (current versions required, the letter after the course number is significant):
  - IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
  - IS-200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200
  - IS-700, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
  - IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
- Familiarity with pre-course reading materials found at https://www.cisa.gov/safecom/comu-training-resources. Click on “All-Hazard Communications Technician (COMT) Pre-course Study Guide”.

**Course Dates and Location**

October 10 – 14, 2022
Law Enforcement Center
701 W 29th
South Sioux City, NE 68776
This COMT course is offered October 10 – 14 at the Law Enforcement Center at 701 W 29th Street, South Sioux City, NE. There is no charge for this training, and course materials will be provided by DHS CISA. All travel/per diem costs are the responsibility of the individual student.

**Registration**

Applicants should submit scanned copies of all prerequisite Certificates of Completions for IS prerequisite courses, to **Deanna Hagberg** at dhagberg@southsiouxcity.org

Copies of prerequisite documentation which verify applicants have met the prerequisites and are eligible to participate in the course must be submitted for reviewed at least 10 days prior to the course.

Registration is not complete until all documentation has been received and verified by Deanna Hagberg, Dakota County Emergency Management Director. Admittance is limited to 16 qualified applicants. If more than 16 qualified personnel apply, final determination of student attendance will be announced by Deanna Hagberg.