



Center for Domestic Preparedness FEMA

Integrated Capstone Event

The Integrated Capstone Event (ICE) combines multiple courses in a final culminating exercise that promotes an interdisciplinary response to a mass casualty incident. ICE challenges responders in a complex all-hazards environment to include initial call-out, scene size up, rescue, decontamination, pre-hospital treatment, crime scene management, evidence collection and hospital response.



The CDP is known for its extensive hands-on training in a mass casualty environment. CDP students are presented a variety of scenarios that reflect real-world events. The ICE allows students to perform skills during an emergency or catastrophic event. ICE allows students to make decisions, manage the incident and direct resources to include personnel.



The ICE is designed to simulate a response, including treatment of multiple survivors exposed to chemical, biological, or radiological hazards. The training combines multiple disciplines that are geographically diverse. Most ICE training courses include more than 200 students participating with more than 100 role playing survivors.



- Enhances whole community response
- Mass Casualty Incident Response
- Enhances realism
- Interdisciplinary Operations
- Immediate response, recovery & mitigation
- Student centered command

- Reinforces collaboration & networking
- Combines multiple courses
- Implements the Incident Command System
- Variety of venues & threats
- Emphasizes planning & logistics
- May be tailored to cohorts

“This gives you an idea of what is going to happen and how the different units are going to work together. As a first responder this gives me an idea of how fire fighters, hazardous materials technicians, EMS, and healthcare work together. As a police officer I normally do not take part in this kind of training.”
John Combs, Police Officer, NC

“I feel we need to practice like this all across the country to prepare ourselves for any kind of emergency or disaster. This training helps us work together and understand our strengths and weaknesses. It is important to train with all of the groups together, not just a single group.”
Trudy Mueller, Emergency Room Nurse, Ohio