

Training Opportunity

DHS-CISA Communications Technician(COMT)

WHEN: December 7th to 11th, 2026

8:00am – 5pm

WHERE: Sandwich Police Department

1251 6th St.

Sandwich, Illinois 60548

This course 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. It is designed for state/territory, tribal, urban, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background. 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 5-day course is taught by instructors experienced as Communication Technicians. 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. A laptop or tablet is required for this course.

Class Prerequisites

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

- A public safety background with experience in field operations
- A technical communications background
- Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
- Basic knowledge of applicable communications plans
- Completion of the following FEMA training courses:
 - IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
 - IS-700: And Introduction to the National Incident Management System
 - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

Registration

- Applicants should submit a signed application as well as scanned pre-requisite Certificates of Completion to Jim Pepper at commtraining@ileas.org.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 20th, 2026. This class is limited to 16 students. Applicants will be added to the class roster as received as long as all pre-requisites have been