



Southern Area/Eastern Area

S-359 Medical Unit Leader (MEDL)

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Washington, D.C.

Summary

This course follows a blended design where students first complete a self-paced, online component and pass an online assessment before joining the in-person Instructor-Led Training (ILT).

In the online portion of the course, students explore the knowledge and concepts required to meet the responsibilities of the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), from mobilization to various incident changes. The ILT portion of the course provides scenario-based activities that allow participants to apply the knowledge and concepts required to meet the responsibilities as identified in the NWCG Incident Position Standards for Medical Unit Leader (MEDL).

Activities will be evaluated using NWCG Course Skill Assessments completed by the instructors. Although there is no final exam for this course, students will be evaluated on the skill assessments and active participation. Students may receive additional training after the class shadowing MEDLs during actual incidents. This is referred to as On-the-Job Training, where students are evaluated based on a position task book that incorporates expected position standards.

MEDL Incident Position Description

The Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) is responsible for ensuring occupational health of all incident personnel, including planning for, and coordinating incident emergency response. Incident emergency response often involves MEDL coordination of patient evacuations/extractions from remote areas requiring good knowledge of available resources and their capability. The MEDL reports to the Logistics Section Chief (LSC) or the Safety Officer (SOF) and works in the Logistics functional area.

Objectives

Given a scenario and supporting materials, students will be able to demonstrate how to:

- Plan, staff, and manage the Medical Unit.
- Coordinate with other incident entities and outside entities, as necessary.
- Anticipate and ensure adequate personnel and equipment to respond to medical emergencies and medical evacuation from remote areas.
- Complete all required documentation.

Target Group

Personnel desiring to be qualified as Medical Unit Leader (MEDL).

Prerequisite Qualifications and Training

Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or equivalent.

Nominations

Deadline to apply: October 27, 2023

[Click here to submit your nomination.](#)

Questions

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