



# DuPage County

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

## FEMA Basic Academy (L0105): Public Information and Warning

**Description:** This course introduces participants to what the Public Information Officer (PIO) does in emergency management, along with basic information about the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). The PIO topics covered include the role of the PIO; communication tools and resources encompassing social media; effective communication; preparing the community through outreach and other means; and communication in an incident. The IPAWS topics covered include what the system is and does, preparing alert and warning messages, and writing common alerting protocol messages. This is a two-day classroom course that gives participants time to perform activities and exercises to reinforce the knowledge and build basic skills. It is mandatory that the participant complete all 16 hours of this course to receive full credit. Anything less will result in the participant's need to re-register for another course and start from the beginning.

**Course Goal:** The goal of this course is to enhance the jurisdiction's public information and warning core capability.

**Prerequisites:** Participants must complete the 11-independent study (IS) courses before attending the 40-hour residence course (approximately 44 hours of training) including the course(s) below:

- FEMA L-0101: Foundations of Emergency Management at DuPage OHSEM
- FEMA L-0102: Science of Disasters at DuPage OHSEM
- FEMA L-0103: Planning: Emergency Operations at DuPage OHSEM
- FEMA L-0104/0146: Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) at DuPage OHSEM

**Course Location:**

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security  
and Emergency Management  
[418 North County Farm Road](#)  
[Wheaton, Illinois 60187](#)

\*It is mandatory that the participant complete all 40 hours of this course to receive full credit. Anything less will result in the participant's need to re-register for another course and start from the beginning.

**Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:30am – 5:00pm**

**AND**

**Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:30am – 5:00pm**

**To register for this NO COST training course**

<https://www.dupageco.org/ProtectDuPage/Training/>