Volunteer Training Requirements

In order to help ensure volunteer safety, provide uniform training, and to quantify the skill set and implied ability of an individual volunteer to perform an assignment, a baseline level of training has been developed by Cowley County Emergency Management and the State of Kansas. This document outlines the minimum training required to become a CCEA member. Additional training is also listed to achieve additional qualification to perform specialized assignments.

Mandatory Minimum Training:

- IS-100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-700 – An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Public Safety Radio Training Course (EM provided)
- Introduction to First Aid/CPR (EM provided)

To be qualified for each of the specialized assignment categories below, the following additional training and experience is required:

EOC Support:

- Introduction to EOC Operations (EM provided)
- Mapping Training (EM provided)
- Dispatching Training (EM provided)
- Logging Training (EM provided)
- Serve during at least two operational periods within the EOC

Spotting:

- All EOC Support requirements
- Spotter test
- Ride along with a trained spotter in the field for at least five storms
- Basic Damage Assessment (EM provided)
- Storm Fury Presentation (or EM approved equivalent such as NWS Jetstream modules)
- Hazmat Awareness (EM provided)
- Traffic Control (EM provided)

Field/Event Support:

- Serve during at least two events with a field trainer
- Traffic Control (EM provided)
- Basic Damage Assessment (EM provided)
- Hazmat Awareness (EM provided)
- Shelter Operations (EM provided)

Communications Support:

- All EOC Support requirements
- Technician Class Amateur Radio license or higher
- EM communications equipment orientation (EM provided)
- Act as net control at least once

Leadership Training:

- IS-200 – Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- IS-244 – Developing and Managing Volunteers
- IS-288 – The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management