

## **ERC 105 - Law Enforcement Incident Command System (LEICS)**

Law Enforcement Incident Command System (LEICS) simplifies the management of critical incidents by organizing the response into modules. Vehicle collisions, pursuits, officer-involved shootings, natural disasters, and civil disturbances represent only a few of the incidents for which an agency can employ LEICS. Under those circumstances involving multiple jurisdictions, LEICS allows agencies to provide a singular response. As a planning tool, LEICS designates in advance the specific duties of all participants. Perhaps more important, it determines who will be in charge at the scene. Whether they require the response of one agency or many, critical incidents become more manageable with LEICS. Anyone in the law enforcement community from the chief, sheriff or to the patrol officer can implement LEICS into its full configuration.

The individual who initiates the ICS response usually assumes command on the scene at the field command post and becomes the incident commander. Unless formally relieved, the incident commander remains in charge and provides a single point of contact. The incident commander oversees the entire operation through divisions, groups or branches, which provide a manageable span of control. All components can be collapsed, expanded, or added as needed during a specific incident. Others may not be needed at all for an emergency limited in scope or duration.

This course is designed to identify elements of the Incident Command System (ICS), as well as the responsibilities of the Incident Commander. Objectives are to define the Incident Command System (ICS); to learn how to identify and take appropriate actions during the stabilization phase of an incident; to learn how to establish a command post and staging area; to describe and apply Division and Group command structure elements; and to describe the purpose and responsibilities of Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration functions within the ICS. All through a series of lectures and table top law enforcement scenarios use to reinforce skills and proficiency.