

# Washington County Department of Public Safety



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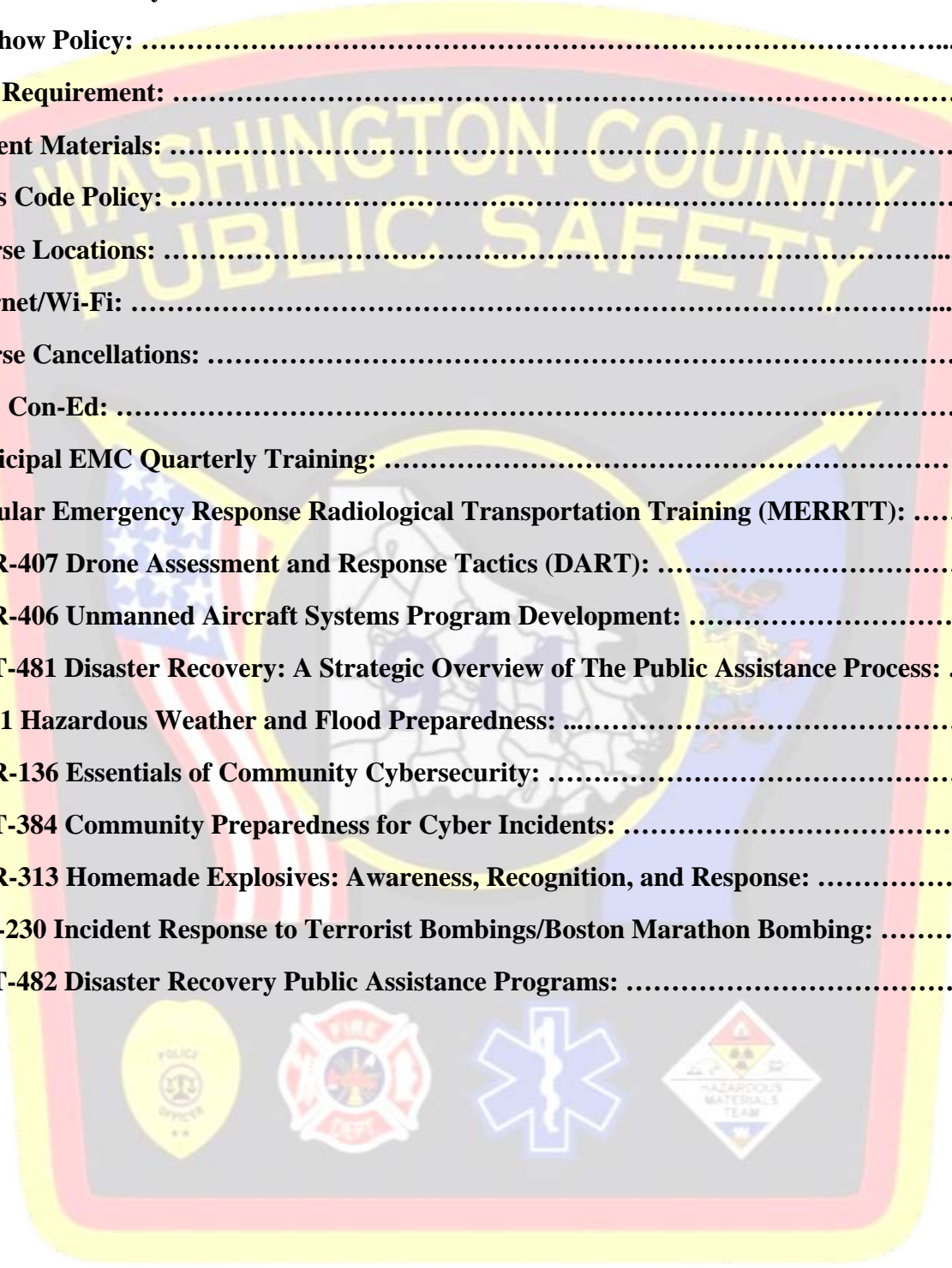
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## Registration Policy/Procedures

All students must **pre-register** via the web-based enrollments system for classes coordinated by Washington County Department of Public Safety (WCDPS) to plan for facilities and equipment. Therefore, WCDPS reserves the right not to accept walk-in students for any program.

Each class will have a registration link. Some classes require authorization, and you may not receive a confirmation up to one week prior to the class start date. If you are declined, you will receive notice via the online registration system.

Approval to WCDPS Courses will be based on the following priority:

1. County/local emergency management personnel, first responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS, and others), and VOAD/NGO's from within Washington County.
2. Other emergency management, allied emergency services, and VOAD/NGO personnel with related responsibilities from the Region 13 Task Force area.
3. Private sector preparedness professionals.
4. Any other emergency management and allied emergency services personnel with related responsibilities on a case-by-case basis.

**For courses with a prerequisite requirement(s), students must have documentation of the prerequisites being met with them on the first day of class. A copy of the certificate issued for the prerequisite course will satisfy this requirement. Any student without documentation will not be permitted to participate in the program.**



## No Show Policy

As program space is limited, WCDPS reserves the right to suspend any student from attending future WCDPS classes who registers for a program and then does not show up for the class. If such “No-Shows” occur as a group from a single organization, WCDPS reserves the right to suspend the entire organization from attending courses sponsored by WCDPS. This policy applies to in-person and virtual training sessions.

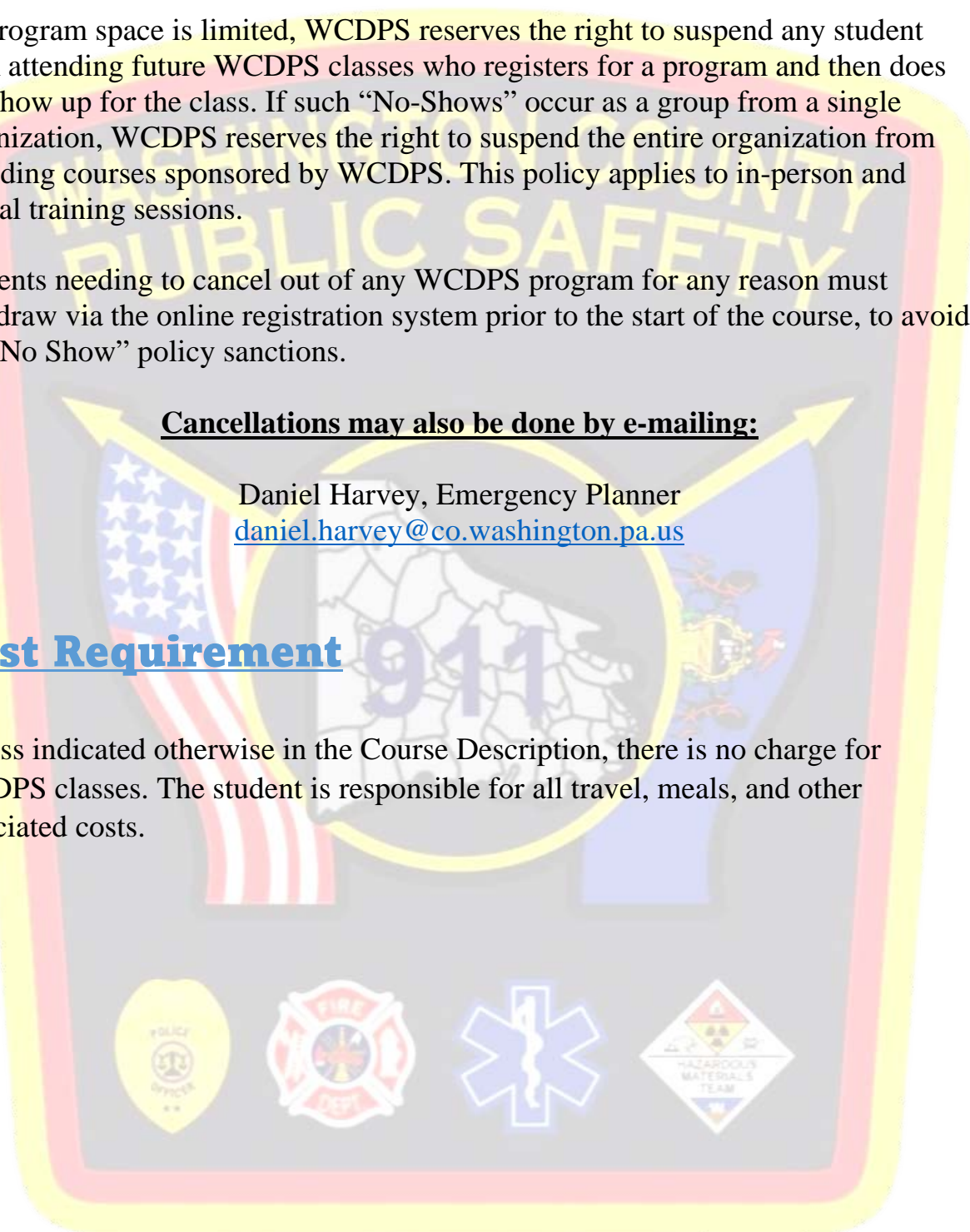
Students needing to cancel out of any WCDPS program for any reason must withdraw via the online registration system prior to the start of the course, to avoid the “No Show” policy sanctions.

### Cancellations may also be done by e-mailing:

Daniel Harvey, Emergency Planner  
[daniel.harvey@co.washington.pa.us](mailto:daniel.harvey@co.washington.pa.us)

## Cost Requirement

Unless indicated otherwise in the Course Description, there is no charge for WCDPS classes. The student is responsible for all travel, meals, and other associated costs.





## **Student Materials**

WCDPS, PEMA, and FEMA no longer provide printed materials. Prior to the course start date students will receive an e-mail with a link to the electronic course materials in which they can download to either use electronically during class or to print on their own. Participants should bring note taking materials and a laptop if desired. If a student requires reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Training and Exercise Coordinator.

## **Dress Code Policy**

WCDPS is a formidable educational institution that provides a high quality of service to the emergency management professionals in the county, surrounding counties, and throughout the Commonwealth. To keep the highest quality of education at WCDPS, there must be a dress code that is commensurate of the education that is being delivered at this facility. The clothing a student wears to WCDPS can greatly affect the academic focus of that student and the surrounding students. Extreme discretion is advised on the part of the students. WCDPS staff will become involved in the matter of dress when an individual student exercises poor judgment in his/her mode of dress; that is, any attire that interferes with the learning process, constitutes a hazard to the student or others, or is deemed inappropriate for the training setting by the staff and administration.

## **Course Locations:**

- 100 West Beau Street, Suite 103  
Washington, PA 15301
- North Strabane Fire Department
- South Strabane Fire Department

## Internet/Wi-Fi:

- WCDPS facilities utilize a secure network system, therefore public access Wi-Fi is not provided. **Students must provide their own mobile internet access.**
- For virtual classes, the students must provide their own internet access and is responsible to assure that the bandwidth is adequate for video and audio streaming. WCDPS will not provide technical support the day of any virtual class.

## Course Cancellations:

All WCDPS courses are subject to cancellation with limited warning. WCDPS will attempt to reach each student via e-mail as soon as possible to limit disruptions and unnecessary travel.

## EMS Con-Ed:

Courses will be registered for EMS Continuing Education as applicable. EMS Con-Ed credits listed in course descriptions are pending approval from the Regional Council (EMS West).



## WCDPS 2023 Training Schedule

### **Municipal EMC Quarterly Training**

These sessions are closed and only available to municipal emergency management coordinators, deputies, and staff; municipal administrators and elected officials, WC-VOAD members, school preparedness staff, and emergency preparedness officials from any County Department. Any individual not meeting these requirements must receive prior permission from the EMA Training and Exercise Coordinator or EMA Division Manager.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>3/7/2023</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Public Safety EOC / ZOOM</b>  <b>100 West Beau Street Suite C-4 Washington, PA 15301</b>	<a href="#">March 7th Registration</a>
<b>6/6/2023</b>	<b>10:00am</b>		<a href="#">June 6th Registration</a>
<b>9/5/2023</b>	<b>10:00am</b>		<a href="#">September 9th Registration</a>
<b>12/5/2023</b>	<b>10:00am</b>		<a href="#">December 12th Registration</a>

After each Quarterly Training, the recording of the session will be available for review upon request so that Municipal EMA Staff may view the Quarterly Training Session and still receive credit. It must be viewed within 30 days for credit for training to be applied.

*As per PEMA Directive 2022-02, Municipal EMA personnel must attend at least TWO Quarterly Trainings per year (Attachment A, Section B. 1. B. and Section B.3 .c.). WCDPS-EMA will accept Zoom as attendance at a Quarterly Training as long as the individual has attended ONE Quarterly Training in person at WCDPS.*

***You cannot fulfil the PEMA Directive by attending Quarterly Training only using Zoom.***



## WCDPS 2023 Training Schedule

### **Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT)**

The Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT) program is designed to take the complex topic of a radiological accident response and break it down into easily understood modules and hands-on practical exercises. Students will be presented with the training to simplify the topic while developing a comprehensive understanding of radioactive material, radiological survey instruments, decontamination techniques for handling radiologically contaminated victims, and resources available to responders during a response. An important element of the training is detailed information on the types of packages used to transport radioactive material. This class is a prerequisite for PEMA RRT (Radiological Response Technician) Certification.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
2/25-2/26	8am-4pm	North Strabane FD Station 2 1032 SR 519 Eighty-Four, PA 15330	<a href="#">Link to MERRTT Registration</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Joseph Pordash		
<b>Course Hrs:</b>	16		





## **AWR-407 Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART)**

The goal of the DART course is to help front-line first responders and emergency management personnel to recognize and assess an unmanned aircraft event for a potential threat, and to give basic awareness of how to assess and mitigate that threat. This course provides class participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to detect, identify, track, assess, mitigate, and respond to commercial and hobbyist unmanned aircraft operations in the United States. This course will provide first responders with mitigation and response techniques to use if they determine that an unmanned aircraft is operating in an unsafe or illegal fashion. The DART course also alerts the participants to the possible terrorist use of unmanned aircraft and enables them to understand the dangers represented by terrorist use of unmanned aircraft.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Emergency management
- Emergency medical services
- Fire service
- Law enforcement

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
4/4/2023	8am-4pm	South Strabane FD 172 Oak Spring Road Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration AWR-407</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	New Mexico Tech		
<b>Course Hrs:</b>	8		



## **AWR-406 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Development**

The goal of the USAPD course is to aid first responders and emergency agencies in the successful development, implementation, and sustainment of a department or agency's small, unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) program. This course provides class participants with the knowledge and tools required for establishing sUAS program goals; deciding if an agency is best suited by sUAS operations options under 14 CFR part 107 or operating sUAS programs as a public aircraft operation (PAO); requesting waivers and airspace authorizations; and developing standard operating procedures (SOP). This course will provide first responders with an understanding of FAA regulations governing 14 CFR part 107 operations along with statutory requirements for public aircraft operations. The UASPD course also presents a review of Government agency sUAS program best practices.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Emergency management
- Emergency medical services
- Fire service
- Law enforcement

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
4/5/2023	8am-4pm	South Strabane FD 172 Oak Spring Road Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration AWR-406</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	New Mexico Tech		
<b>Course Hrs:</b>	4		

## **MGT-481 Disaster Recovery: A Strategic Overview of The Public Assistance Process**

The Disaster Recovery for Senior Officials course provides a strategic overview of the FEMA Public Assistance Process that is essential to disaster recovery for local communities. The FEMA Public Assistance Process provides funding for local governments and eligible Private Non-Profit organizations to conduct effective long-term recovery. Unfortunately, many jurisdictions do not have a good understanding of this process and thereby fail to obtain, and retain, all the recovery revenue the community is eligible for. This course will provide senior leaders and staff planners with the key elements, milestones, and pitfalls to avoid when guiding a local jurisdictions recovery plans and operations.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Local Government Senior Officials and staff
- Emergency Managers
- Local Government Finance Managers
- Public Works and Utility Managers
- Healthcare Managers
- School District administrators
- Public Information Officers
- Senior Officials, Leaders, and Local Staff
- Private non-profits

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
4/11/2023	8am-1pm	Courthouse Square Suite 103 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration MGT-481</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Texas A&M Extension		
<b>Course Hrs: 4</b>	EMS Con-ED: undetermined		





## **G-271 Hazardous Weather and Flood Preparedness**

This course provides training for local and state emergency managers who respond to hazardous weather events, while promoting partnership and coordination between the National Weather Service (NWS) and emergency managers. The goal of this course is to enhance emergency managers' ability to recognize potentially hazardous weather and flooding situations, so they are equipped to plan appropriately and to coordinate effective responses.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Local emergency managers
- State emergency management personnel
- Voluntary agency representatives
- Private sector emergency managers

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
5/9/2023 5/10/2023	8am-4pm 8am-4pm	Courthouse Square Suite 103 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration G-271</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Jeff Jumper		
<b>Course Hrs:</b> 16	<b>EMS Con-ED:</b> 10		

## **AWR-136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity**

The Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (ECCS) course provides individuals, community leaders, and first responders with information on how cyber-attacks can impact, prevent, and/or stop operations and emergency responses in a community. The course also provides a cursory introduction to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, risks, threats, and countermeasures. It explains vulnerabilities of computer systems and networks and how these vulnerabilities can affect communities, organizations, and daily workplace operations. The course introduces actions communities can take in establishing a cybersecurity program. The course provides participants with an awareness of issues. It gives an overview of threats and vulnerabilities, without going into too many details, to highlight the potential impact a cyber-attack could have. Participants discuss some of the fundamental activities needed to develop a cybersecurity program, without addressing the technical details of how to secure critical infrastructures. The course introduces the Community Cybersecurity Maturity Model (CCSMM) as a framework for understanding community cybersecurity and offers a brief introduction to low-cost or no-cost approaches to securing a community against cybersecurity threats and attacks. The course sets the stage for further efforts in which a community can build a cybersecurity program.

### **Suggested Audience:**

The target audience is personnel involved with critical infrastructure, emergency operations, and incident response in public or private organizations, including state, county, and municipal officials, members of industry affiliations and chambers of commerce.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
6/20/2023	8am-12pm	North Strabane FD Station 2 1032 SR 519 Eighty-Four, PA 15330	<a href="#">Registration Link for AWR-136</a>  <a href="#">TrainPA Registration Link AWR-136</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Texas A&M Extension		
<b>Course Hrs: 4</b>	EMS Con-ED: Undetermined		

## **MGT-384 Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents**

MGT 384, Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents, is designed to provide organizations and communities with strategies and processes to increase cyber resilience. During this 12-hour course, participants will analyze cyber threats and initial and cascading impacts of cyber incidents, evaluate the process for developing a cyber preparedness program, examine the importance and challenges of cyber related information sharing and discover low to no-cost resources to help build cyber resilience.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Emergency Management
- Information Technology
- Risk Management/Emergency Planning/Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery
- Public Works/Wastewater and Water
- Schools/Universities
- Communication Sector
- Transportation
- Energy
- Defense/Industrial Base Sector
- Elected and Appointed Officials
- Financial Sector
- Health Care
- Emergency Services

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
6/20/2023 6/21/2023	12pm-4pm 8am-4pm	North Strabane FD Station 2 1032 SR 519 Eighty-Four, PA 15330	<a href="#">Registration Link for MGT-384</a>  <a href="#">TrainPA Registration Link MGT-384</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Texas A&M Extension		
<b>Course Hrs: 12</b>	EMS Con-ED: Undetermined		



## **AWR-313 Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response**

The HME course provides first responders with information on general explosive characteristics and hazards, homemade explosive precursor materials, homemade explosive manufacturing indicators, and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) components. Additionally, the course teaches first responders how to identify a homemade explosive laboratory and how to establish scene safety and security in such an incident. First responders are also presented information regarding community awareness and education programs related to homemade explosives. This information better prepares first responders to recognize hazards associated with homemade explosives during response operations.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Emergency management
- Emergency medical services
- Fire service
- Law enforcement

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9/12/2023	8am-4pm	Courthouse Square Suite 103 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration Link AWR-313</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	New Mexico Tech		
<b>Course Hrs:</b> 8	<b>EMS Con-ED:</b> 8		



## **PER-230 Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings And Case Study of The Boston Marathon Bombing**

The IRTB course provides first responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely respond to terrorist incidents involving explosives. The IRTB course focuses on first responder health and safety by addressing personal protection issues that arise when responding to terror incidents involving commercial and homemade explosive. Additionally, the course includes information on the recognition of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs); terrorist organizations, both foreign and domestic; and lessons learned from past terrorist incidents. This information better prepares first responders to safely recognize and respond to terrorist bombing threats.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Emergency management
- Emergency medical services
- Fire service
- Law enforcement

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9/13/2023	8am-2pm	Courthouse Square Suite 103 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration Link PER-230</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	New Mexico Tech		
<b>Course Hrs:</b> 4/1.5	<b>EMS Con-ED:</b> 4		



## **MGT-482 Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Programs**

The course will provide an introduction to FEMA's Public Assistance Programs to help local jurisdictions better understand recovery and improve preparedness for the next disaster. Front line jurisdiction leaders and staff members will learn information to better assist their communities and eligible Private Non-Profit partners to prepare for and recover from disasters. Instructors will facilitate an understanding of how to identify and navigate disaster recovery resources by guiding students through the FEMA Public Assistance Process, providing best practices while avoiding major pitfalls. Many local jurisdictions lack a robust understanding of these processes and thereby fail to obtain, and retain, all the recovery revenue the community is eligible for. This course helps prepare communities to maximize recovery resources in a compliant manner thereby ensuring effective long-term recovery from disaster.

### **Suggested Audience:**

- Local government managers and staff
- Emergency managers
- Local government finance staff
- Local government procurement leaders
- Public works and utility managers
- Public power managers
- Healthcare non-profit managers
- City planners, codes, and zoning staff
- School district administrators
- Parks management and debris site planners
- Directors and staff of local response agencies
- Governmental administrative supervisors and frontline employees

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
10/17/2023 10/18/2023	8am-4pm 8am-4pm	Courthouse Square Suite 103 100 West Beau Street Washington, PA 15301	<a href="#">TrainPA Registration MGT-482</a>
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Texas A&M Extension		
<b>Course Hrs: 16</b>	EMS Con-ED: Undetermined		



## Suggestions for Consideration

On behalf of the Washington County Department of Public Safety, I would like to Thank you for your attendance to our provided courses and commitment to public safety. It is our mission to ensure the preparedness of all municipalities and the safety of all residents and visitors of Washington County.

If you could please take a moment and use the link provided below to provide us with your suggestions, it would be greatly appreciated.

[Link for Suggestions, Complaints, or Training Request](#)

