



ZR Field Specialist

*Introduction to the ZR2F Position
- A V-C-N.org Academy Course -*

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Why This Course?

- ❑ Provide standardized materials for course download and instruction.
- ❑ To provide standardized information to prospective candidates for this position
- ❑ Increase operational area (OA) mutual aid capability through shared standards

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Why This Course?

- ❑ NIMS is used to prepare for, respond to and recover from incidents of any size, scope and duration
- ❑ NIMS mandates the ICS be used for field deployment operations
- ❑ Standardized, documented positions do not exist in emergency communications

Why This Course?

- ❑ The ZR2F is a “basic and critical” position in emergency communications
- ❑ Standards of knowledge, training and experience are not documented
- ❑ Increase “anticipated predictability” levels in emergency communications

What You Will Learn

- ❑ Difference between a current field radio operator and ZR Field “Specialist”
- ❑ Why a “performance-based” learning must replace using “classroom-based” learning system model
- ❑ Qualifications necessary to implement a standardized “have-know-do” strategy
- ❑ How a ZR2F prepares for, responds to and recovers from an incident

ZR2F Position

- ❑ Most important “single resource” member of field communications
- ❑ Part of an organizational and operational structure for category “z” radio operations
- ❑ Mission: Provide field communications support while acting as “eyes and ears” (boots on the ground) for conducting incident intelligence-gathering operations

Field Radio Comms Specialist

- ZRICS P-Code: ZR2F
- ZRICS Section: Operations (ZR2)
- ZRICS Course: 242
- Direct Report: ZR26
- Priority #1: Create and maintain a safe operating environment at all times
- Priority #2: Monitor assigned frequency

ZRICS Sections

- Five “sections” within ICS.ZR (ZRICS)
 - ❖ **ZR1**: Command (CMD) Section
 - ❖ **ZR2**: Operations (OPS) Section
 - ❖ **ZR3**: Planning (PLN) & Intelligence Section
 - ❖ **ZR4**: Logistics (LOG) Section
 - ❖ **ZR5**: Finance (FIN) & Administration Section

V-C-N and ZRICS “Mantra”

- **Be safe.** Conduct safe operations.
- **Get prepared.** Individual initiative.
- **Stay ready.** Situational Awareness

V-C-N Incident Priorities

- **#1:** Conduct safe operations.
- **#2:** Monitor your radio.
- **#3:** Confirm before making changes.

ZR Incident Objectives

1. Provide for the safety of all incident participants and the general public.
 - Be aware of existing and report all new hazards immediately.
 - Maintain awareness and use of LCES at all times.
2. Create and maintain a viable network of emergency communications.
 - Always monitor your designated or assigned frequencies.
 - Acknowledge and relay all messages quickly with minimal delays.
3. Always obtain acknowledgement from the Net Control Station (NCS) before initiating ANY assignment change.

Preparing for...an incident.

- Preparation Activities:
 - ❖ Create/Update “GO” kit/bag checklists
 - ❖ Standardized courses & materials
 - ❖ Attending Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training
 - ❖ ZR2F Position Description Guide
 - ❖ ZR2F Position Task Book

Preparing for...an incident.

- Why Position Description Guide (PDG)?
 - ❖ Documents standardized position
 - Standardized “home unit” and “incident” duties/responsibilities
 - ❖ Standardized pre-requisites
 - ❖ Standardized resource requirements

Preparing for...an incident.

- Why Position Task Book (PTB)?
 - ❖ Standardized ICS performance requirements
 - ❖ “Equalizes” all prospective applicants
 - Same documented tasks must be successfully completed by all prospective applicants
 - ❖ Specific requirements to specific position
 - ❖ Increases “anticipated predictability” of position “have-know-do”

Preparing for...an incident.

- ❑ Preparation Activities
- ❑ Development Exercises
- ❑ Standardized Pre-deployment Operations
- ❑ Incident Mobilization Nets
- ❑ Training Sessions & Drills
 - ❖ V-F-T-O-M, Mutual Aid Training

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**MUTUAL AID TRAINING
(MAT) PROGRAM**

FOR CATEGORY "Z" RADIO SPECIALISTS



The V-C-N.org Academy "MAT" Program for category "z" radio specialists is a comprehensive series of classes designed to create or enhance a mutual aid capability. The program features standardized courses and training materials in convenient PDF downloadable formats, making them accessible to any volunteer radio operator, regardless of organizational affiliation or geographical location.

COURSE	HOURS	COURSE TOPIC	SPECIALTY	DONE
MAPS	7	MAPS: MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS		
031	1	ZR Specialist vs. Radio Operator	MAPS	
044	2	Activation-Mobilization Checklist (ZR2-08AA-F)	MAPS	
282	2	ICS-214.ZR (Activity Log) Form	MAPS	
284	2	Incident Mobilization Nets	MAPS	
ZR2F	4	FIELD RADIO SPECIALIST MAPS		
242	2	ZR2R: Field Radio Specialist	ZR2F	
252	2	ZR2S: Shadow Communicator Specialist	ZR2F	
ZR2R	8	INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SPECIALIST MAPS		
223	2	ICC Radio Specialist	ZR2R	
283	2	ICS-213.ZR (General Message) Form	ZR2R	
285	1	Frequency Change Mgmt Protocol (ZR2-07AB)	ZR2R	
273	1	ICS-205.ZR (Communications Plan) Form	ZR2R	
ZR2R	5	EMERGENCY RESOURCE DIRECTORY (ERD)		
042	2	Standardized Equipment Codes (ZR1-08AA)	ERD	
026	1	Category "Z" Radio Coordination System	ERD	
043	2	Emergency Resource Directory (ZR4-08AB)	ERD	
ZR2R	7	OPTIONAL SPECIALIST COURSES		
171	1	Introduction to Safety	OPTION	
173	1	Vehicle Safety Inspection	OPTION	
174	2	Defensive Driving Course	OPTION	
351	1	Pre-Deployment Operations	OPTION	

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Callsign: _____ ZRCS: () _____

Organization: _____

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Preparing for...an incident.

- Deployment checklist:
 - ❖ Position items
 - ❖ Personal items
 - ❖ Radio items
- Things you need to remember!
- Things you don't want to forget!

Preparing for...an incident.

- Organizational & operational capabilities
 - ❖ VHF/UHF handheld radio
 - ❖ VHF/UHF mobile radio
 - ❖ Member contact list
 - ❖ Critical infrastructure (CI) facilities list
 - ❖ Designated position assignment(s) list
- Standardized Activation Levels (SAL)

