



Pennsylvania
Emergency Management Agency
Public Information Officer
2026 Course Offerings

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) is providing the following training opportunities in public information through 2026. Click the links below to learn more on Train PA!

- [**L-105** Public Information Basics \(BPIO\)](#)
- [**L-388** Advanced Public Information Officer \(APIO\)](#)

Current 2026 Course Offering Schedule

COURSE	DATES / LOCATION
L-105 Basic PIO	January 27-29, 2026 Dauphin County – PEMA Headquarters Room 112 <u>1310 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg PA 17110</u>
L-105 Basic PIO	February 24-26, 2026 Lancaster County – Lancaster Co. Public Safety Training Ctr. <u>101 Champ Boulevard, Manheim PA 17545</u>
L-105 Basic PIO	March 10-12, 2026 Indiana County – Indiana County EOC <u>85 Haven Dr, Indiana PA 15701</u>
L-105 Basic PIO	April 7-9, 2026 Berks County – PEMA Eastern Area Office <u>3566 Old U.S. 22, Hamburg PA 19526</u>
L-105 Basic PIO	May 5-7, 2026 Lehigh County – Lehigh Carbon Community College <u>4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville PA 18078</u>
L-105 Basic PIO	June 16-18, 2026 Lackawanna County – Lackawanna Co. Center for Public Safety <u>30 Valley View Dr, Jessup PA 18434</u>
L-388 Advanced PIO	July 20-24, 2026 Lycoming County – Hager Lifelong Education Center <u>1037 West 3rd Street, Williamsport PA 17701</u>

Note: Please follow links to host site addresses for accurate location of facilities.

L105 Target Audience: This course is intended for newly appointed emergency managers from state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal emergency management agencies, and prospective professionals transferring from another discipline to emergency management.

Prerequisites: **IS-29** Public Information Officer Awareness

**PEMA Professional Level Certification Requirement*

L-388 Target Audience: The Advanced Public Information Officer course is for public information officers with a minimum of two (2) years' experience as a fulltime public information officer and for whom have completed the pre-requisites.

Prerequisites: Participants must have a **minimum of 2 years** of public information experience and provide proof of completion of the below courses.

- **IS-13** EMI Conduct and Behavior
 - **IS-29** Public Information Officer Awareness
 - **IS-42** Social Media in Emergency Management
 - **IS-100** Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS) (or ICS course for specific specialty: healthcare, public works, etc.)
 - **IS-200** Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
 - **IS-247** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Alert Originators
 - **IS-700** National Incident Management System, An Introduction
 - **IS-800** National Response Framework, An Introduction
 - **IS-2900** National Disaster Recovery Framework Overview
 - **E/L/K 105** Public Information Basics (no substitutions or waivers)
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Attendance: Approved on a "first-come, first-seated" basis. We urge you to register early to reserve your seat in each course. Attendance is limited to facility size as noted for each offering in Train PA, so register early through Train PA.

Registration: Registration is now available in in Train PA. You must also register through FEMA via the NETC website. Directions are available in Train PA on next steps.

Course Questions: Jeff Jumper at either e-mail jejumper@pa.gov or at telephone number 717-651-2018.

Meals and Lodging: No meals or lodging will be provided for this course through PEMA. Check with the host agency for additional food or lodging details.

Materials: Note-taking materials. PEMA encourages the use of personal laptops and tablets during the courses. Student manuals for **L-105** are available [here](#). Materials for **L-388** will be managed by FEMA Emergency Management Institute.