

Lassen Community College Course Outline

FS-79A Ground Support Unit Leader (S-355)

2.0 Units

I. Catalog Description

This course is designed to meet the national core training needs of the Ground Support Unit Leader.

Prerequisite(s): None

Corequisite(s): None

Recommended Preparation: None

32 Hours Lecture

Scheduled: Spring

II. Coding Information

Repeatability: Not Repeatable

Grading Option: Graded

Credit Type: Credit - Degree Applicable

TOP Code: 213300

III. Course Objectives

A. Course Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the responsibilities, processes, and activities of a Ground Support Unit Leader.

B. Course Objectives

1. Arrive at an incident properly equipped, gather information to assess the assignment and begin initial planning activities of a ground support unit leader.
2. Plan, staff, and manage the ground support unit to meet the needs of the incident in a safe manner.
3. Coordinate with the logistics units and other sections to assist in accomplishing the overall objectives of the incident.
4. Demobilize the ground support unit.

IV. Course Content

A. Unit 1 Equipment Manager

1. Obtain and assemble information and materials needed for kit.
2. Gather information from Dispatch upon initial activation
3. Arrive at assigned location, properly equipped, and check in.
4. Obtain initial briefing from Ground Support Unit Leader.
5. Coordinate with Ground Support Unit Leader to determine and obtain needed equipment and supplies,
6. Ensure all appropriate safety measures are followed.
7. Schedule transportation to maximize use of available vehicle and equipment resources.
8. Dispatch vehicles and equipment in accordance with Incident Action Plan.
9. Determine resources on hand and when necessary order additional resources.
10. Maintain Equipment use records, service records, and time records.

11. Establish areas for service, repair, and fueling
 12. Maintain documentation throughout assignment.
 13. Develop and implement incident traffic plans.
 14. Provide for maintenance of incident roads.
 15. Provide suggested demobilization priorities list to Ground Support Unit Leader.
 16. Demobilization and check out.
- B. Unit 2 Gather Information
1. List 10 items that may be included in the Ground Support Unit Leader kit.
 2. List four items of information that you would obtain during a briefing with the logistics/sections chief.
 3. List four items of beneficial information that you can obtain from an incident Action Plan.
- C. Unit 3 Organizing/Staffing Unit
1. Determine requirements for the ground support unit and place the initial order.
 2. List four items to be used for effective supervision of the ground support unit.
 3. Develop and implement unit traffic plan in coordination with operations/planning sections.
- D. Unit 4 Layout
1. Develop a viable ground support layout that is efficient and includes all needed functions and safety measures.
 2. Describe various ways to store, handle, and dispose of hazardous materials.
 3. Design a fueling and maintenance schedule which will provide for routine and unplanned needs.
- E. Unit 5 Lab
1. Use of an OF-296 Vehicle/Heavy equipment Safety Inspection Checklist to perform an inspection on selected equipment.
- F. Unit 6 Routine
1. Identify needs and orders, supplies, materials and personnel to keep unit operating.
 2. Identify procedures used to assign ground transportation for resources, supplies, and personnel in support of the Incident Action Plan.
 3. Identify qualifications necessary to ensure compliance with the state law and agency policies to operate motor vehicles.
 4. List four items that should be included in a briefing to operators/contractors prior to each assignment.
 5. Maintain ICS Form 214, Unit Log.
- G. Unit 7 Coordination
1. Maintain ground support unit records on rental, contract, and agency equipment.
 2. Participate in support, branch, and logistics section planning activities.
 3. List four units you may interact and coordinate within a given operational period.
- H. Unit 8 Demobilization
1. List the paperwork that need to be submitted prior to release from the incident.
 2. Describe the release procedures used to release agency and non-agency resources.

V. Assignments

- A. Appropriate Readings
- NFES 2348 Ground Support Unit Leader Task Book
 - NFES 1558 Equipment Manage Job Aid J-255
 - NFES 0065 Fireline Handbook PMS 410-1

- NFES 2150 North American Emergency response Guide
- B. Writing Assignments
Handouts
 - C. Expected Outside Assignments: Read Equipment Manager Job Aid and review Ground Support Unit Leader Task Book, Fireline Handbook, and Emergency Response Guide.
 - D. Specific Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking (required for all degree applicable courses):
Evaluate scenarios and determine the best course of action.

VI. Methods of Evaluation

Quality of Participation, unit tests and final exam. Must earn minimum of 80% on Final Exam to pass course.

VII. Methods of Delivery

Check those delivery methods for which, this course has been separately approved by the Curriculum/Academic Standards Committee.

Traditional Classroom Delivery Correspondence Delivery

Hybrid Delivery

Online Delivery

Lecture, discussion and videos.

VIII. Representative Texts and Supplies

Textbook supplied by instructor:

Ground Support Unit Leader S-355 Student Workbook, NFES 1922

Equipment Manager J-255 Job Aid, NFES 1558

IX. Discipline/s Assignment

Fire Technology

X. Course Status

Current Status: Active

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