

WAC 118-04-280 Training event numbers—Requests and requirements. (1) Jurisdictions may request a training event number for individual training events or for a series of routine, recurring, training activities such as monthly training meetings or for an established training program such as a search and rescue academy.

(2) A request for a training event number for the purpose of developing, maintaining, or upgrading emergency worker skills for all types of emergency management activities shall be forwarded in writing using Form EMD-079, training mission request or equivalent, for approval by the emergency management division.

(a) All requests for training event numbers shall be signed by the local emergency management agency director or designee of the jurisdiction where the organization sponsoring the training activity is located.

(b) The Form EMD-079, training mission request or equivalent, shall be forwarded to the emergency management division so as to arrive ten working days prior to the scheduled date of the training activity.

(c) For training events that come to the attention of the local emergency management agency director less than ten working days prior to the scheduled date of the training activity, approval may be requested from the emergency management division by facsimile, telephone, or other method. Such requests shall be considered by the emergency management division on a case-by-case basis.

(3) All training shall conform to local comprehensive emergency management plans. The request for training event number shall cite those portions of the plans, annexes, appendices, and tabs which specifically address the activities for which emergency workers are being trained. Training activities planned for an area outside the jurisdiction of the requesting agency should be coordinated with the local emergency management agency in the jurisdiction where the training will take place.

(4) A training course curriculum, plan of instruction, or course outline shall accompany the training event approval request. If that particular curriculum, plan of instruction, or course outline will be used as a standard, recurring course of instruction, then the requesting local emergency management agency may number and title that curriculum, plan of instruction, or outline, keep it on file with the state, and refer to that number and title when requesting a training event approval for the same training in the future. Training event number requests for a series of training activities also shall include a schedule with proposed subjects, dates, times and locations.

(5) Upon approval of the training event, the emergency management division shall issue a training event number. The training event number assigned shall provide a reference for the local, state, or federal organization taking part in the training activity. Administrative records and reimbursement of eligible emergency worker compensation claims, filed as a result of activities on a training event shall include the training event number.

(6) The training event number issued is for the specified training activity or series of training activities at the specified date(s), time(s), and location(s). Any significant change in the training activity, location, date or time shall be reported to the emergency management division as soon as possible. The local authorized official may approve reasonable changes to the proposed schedule.

(7) If additional organizations other than those originally listed on Form EMD-079 request to participate in the training event and are approved by the sponsoring emergency management agency director, they shall provide appropriate information (the organization's name and address, names of participating personnel and emergency worker registration numbers) to the sponsoring local emergency management agency director for inclusion in the training event report prior to submittal to the emergency management division.

(8) Upon notification that the emergency management division has issued a training event number for a training event at a specific date, time, and place, emergency workers will be eligible for benefits and compensation under the provisions of chapter 38.52 RCW when acting in compliance with the notification and these rules.

(9) Compensation will be limited to medical services, property loss or damage, and liability under chapter 38.52 RCW during the time necessary to travel to the training site, performance of the training activity, and reasonable time to return to the point of origin.

(10) Authorized officials shall ensure that emergency workers participating in a training event or exercise are not placed in unnecessarily hazardous situations.

(11) Authorized officials shall ensure that emergency workers have successfully completed applicable helicopter operations training course(s), approved by emergency management division, prior to being transported by aircraft during a training event.

(12) Emergency worker daily activity report, Form EMD-078 or equivalent, shall be used as a part of the administrative record for each training event. When a series of training activities is covered by a single training event number, separate emergency worker daily activity reports, Form EMD-078, or equivalent, shall be used for each activity.

(13) Training event numbers shall not be assigned for any activities which involve the search for, apprehension of, detention, or arrest of suspects or persons in the act of committing or having committed a crime.

(14) Training event numbers shall not be assigned for training activities which involve the use of aircraft of any type without specific, prior approval of the emergency management division. The state shall not assume any liability for any accidents or incidents resulting from the unauthorized use of aircraft.

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