

# IPERI



## Illinois Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) created the Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative (PERI) to improve communication between emergency responders and pipeline operators nationwide, a key aspect of keeping communities safe.

The Illinois Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative (IPERI) was developed by pipeline operators, governmental regulators and emergency responders. The program was formalized in 2022 as a committee operating

under the Illinois Fire Chiefs Educational and Research Foundation (IFCERF) to advance the abilities of emergency responders and pipeline operators in Illinois to manage pipeline emergencies through improved training, cooperation, communication and collaboration.

IPERI training is provided through the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), the statutory State Fire Academy for Illinois, **at no cost to fire departments/districts or firefighters.**



### FREE IPERI Training Courses Include:

- ✚ First Responder Awareness Level
- ✚ Incident Command/Initial Incident Command Level
- ✚ Incident Command/Unified Command IMAT Level
- ✚ Hazmat Technician/Team Level
- ✚ 911 Dispatcher/PSAP Level



To request training, contact **Raymond Kay, retired chief fire officer and IPERI program manager,** at [rkay@illinoisfirechiefs.org](mailto:rkay@illinoisfirechiefs.org) or 708-603-1342.



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This informational sheet identifies the **FREE** IPERI pipeline training that is available.

### **IPERI Training Courses:**

**First Responder Awareness Course** - This course provides the basic information that first responders need to be able to respond to a pipeline emergency.

First Responder Awareness Online: 3.00 Hours

[https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/description.cfm?course\\_id=1470](https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/description.cfm?course_id=1470)

First Responder Awareness “In Person” Courses began delivery in July 2024.

Request “In Person” training by contacting the Illinois Fire Service Institute, Chris Downey at [cjdowney@illinois.edu](mailto:cjdowney@illinois.edu).

**Initial Incident Command Course** - Primarily targets the fire service initial incident command personnel that would respond to a pipeline emergency.

**Unified Command Course** - **IN DEVELOPMENT** - This course provides an opportunity for all potential responders (fire, police, EMS, emergency management, public works and others) to participate in a tabletop exercise focused on a potential pipeline emergency in their area.

**911 Dispatcher/Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Course** - This 90-minute course provides the basic information that 911 telecommunicators and their supervisors need to know to be able to better identify potential pipeline emergencies and dispatch appropriate resources.

911 Dispatcher PSAP Online: 2.00 Hours

[https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/description.cfm?course\\_id=1508](https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/description.cfm?course_id=1508)

### **General Pipeline Information:**

To learn more about pipelines in your jurisdiction, you can access the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) – National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

PHMSA has a Public Pipeline Viewer map and if you choose to apply for Governmental access (Pipeline Information Management and mapping Application (PIMMA)), you can apply for credentials. <https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov>