Basic PIO and JIC/JIS (G290-291): This course is the first in a three part series of Public Information Officer Basic training. The course is designed for people who work with the media in times of crisis and day-to-day media relations. The program emphasizes the importance of developing a Public Information Officer (PIO) team, communications skills, leadership and working in a Joint Information Center using Joint Information Systems.

Topics Discussed:

- Crisis Communication Skills
- Today’s Media Environment
- Developing and Delivering Key Messages
- Interview Techniques
- Developing News Releases
- Developing an EPIO plan
- Social Media
- Conducting News Conferences
- Joint Informations Systems (JIS)
- Joint Information Centers (JIC)
- Legal Issues and the PIO
- Interview Labs
- PIO Team Exercises

NOTE: This course is eligible for the use of Homeland Security Grant Program SHSP, UASI, LETPP. Homeland Security Grant funds may cover the cost of registration, travel, lodging and per diem only.

Course Length: 32 hours
Course Code: G290/291

For the course schedule visit www.caloes.ca.gov/CSTI