Joint Information System/Center Planning for Tribal, State, and Local 
Public Information Officers (G291): This course will build upon the 
Public Information Officer (PIO) competencies gained in G290, Basic 
Public Information Officer Course, applying those skills in an expanding 
incident where coordination is enhanced through activation of a Joint 
Information System (JIS) and establishment of a Joint Information Center 
(JIC). This training will equip PIOs with the skills needed to establish 
and operate in a JIS/JIC. Participants will also gain a working knowledge 
of operational practices for performing PIO duties within the National 
Incident Management System (NIMS) Multi-Agency Coordination 
System. The course will demonstrate how JIC concepts are applied in a 
flexible and scalable manner at the local level.

This training will:

• Equip PIOs with the skills needed to establish and operate a JIS/JIC. 
• Impart a working knowledge of operational practices for performing PIO 
duties within the NIMS Multiagency Coordination System.

Course Objectives:

• Explain the importance of coordinating messages in a multi-agency 
environment 
• Describe and differentiate between the JIS and the JIC 
• Apply the strategic communications process to managing information in 
a JIC 
• Assess current management practices and capabilities to organize and 
lead a local JIC 
• Identify organizational structures and resources to facilitate operations 
with state and Federal JIC partners 
• Given a scenario, organize and lead a JIC

Course Length: 8 hours
Course Code: G291