

# **Wilderness Mass Casualty Incident Command Systems**

Mountain Rescue Groups, emergency management and response personnel across the nation need to use a standard process and improve their ability to function as integral teams when preparing for a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).

The Clear Creek County Emergency Services and Alpine Rescue Team came together to further this goal by providing the Wilderness Mass Casualty Incident Command System Course (MCICS 100-W). Participants will be challenged to plan for, develop, and be a part of a systematic team in the planning, preparation, and exercise of a Wilderness Mass Casualty Incident. This approach is designed and when executed correctly, will inspire participants to 1) understand the importance of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Framework (NRF), and 2) prepare them to apply the concepts and principles from NIMS and NRF in all planning efforts to mitigate “unthinkable events”.

The team’s approach will accelerate the widespread adoption of NIMS by creating scenarios that inspire emergency management and response personnel to:

- Understand the need to balance discipline and agility in the preparation, planning, and management of any incident
- Gain a global view of MCI events to see how the whole network and competing priorities fit together
- Develop a clear connection between using NIMS for every day routine practice and large scale mass critical incidents

Our presentation will review the exercise and three classes taught to responders, rescuers, Incident Commanders, Mission Leader, and Dispatchers for the preparation of the re-enactment of the October 02, 1970 Wichita State University plane crash on Loveland Pass.

There were 39 souls onboard the day of the crash and 9 survived. The NTSB Accident Report stated all onboard would have survived if they were seated and wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

The re-enactment will simulate the crash site triage, treatment, and the high angle rope evacuation of 39 survivors.