



## DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES

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**MOBILE: P309151**

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**CERTIFICATION: PME**

This course examines the methods civilian and military authorities can use to devise effective policies and strategies for the domestic employment of the armed forces. It explores the role of national leadership in shaping policy and strategy for military support to civil authorities; strategic and operational civil-military implications of these activities; and roles and missions of the armed forces and related agencies in domestic activities. It helps participants establish guidelines for defense support to civil authorities, interactions with civil society organizations, and constitutional, legislative, and logistical considerations.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Identify circumstances under which it is appropriate to provide military support to civilian authorities in response to various threats
- ◆ Develop mechanisms to authorize military support to civilian authorities
- ◆ Identify common obstacles and ways to enhance civil-military communication, cooperation and coordination
- ◆ Develop professional networks to address shared security interests

### TOPICS

Participants analyze military support to civilian law enforcement, and related authorities, to include the use of military equipment, intelligence, ordinance disposal, reserve component, and public affairs personnel. As appropriate, military assets may be used in disaster response, counter-narcotics operations, civil disturbances, law enforcement and combating terrorism. Using a simulation exercise and the study of operational lessons learned, participants are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to design effective linkages between civil authorities and armed forces.

Sample course topics include:

- ◆ Civil-military relations
- ◆ Crisis coordination
- ◆ Disasters, disturbances and civil-military responses
- ◆ Strategic communications and public information

### PARTICIPANTS

This course is designed for civilian government officials, military officers in the ranks of Major to General, and representatives from other institutions concerned with domestic support operations, such as representatives from civil society.



## FACULTY

ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government's security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

ISG can accept most types of US government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, MSI, etc) on a case-by case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG.

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This course is a key component of ISG's 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into a exciting and rich classroom environment.