The Prevention, Relief & Recovery program of the Center for Civil-Military Relations, US Naval Postgraduate School offers a five-day course entitled “Disaster Management” at various conference venues. This course focuses on the management challenges associated with the delivery of humanitarian assistance/disaster response (HA/DR). Conceptually, the course emphasizes an understanding of how civilian and military authorities work together in the management of natural disasters and the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Specific areas of focus include Incident Command Systems, Strategic Communications/Media Relations and the use of Military Assets for Civilian Authorities.

Learning Objectives:

• Enhance understanding of HA/DR response communities, and build cross-community professional networks (e.g., NGOs, armed forces, government civilian agencies, and the inter-governmental organizations).
• Provide a methodological framework for conceptualizing the strategic and operational issues in managing natural disasters and delivering humanitarian assistance.
• Allow participants to explore the roles and responsibilities, capabilities and competencies of organizations involved in disaster management.
• Expose participants to typical problems and potential solutions associated with disaster management and joint, inter-agency, cross-community coordination.

Methodology: The course will consist of a series of panel presentations, plenary discussions and small group exercises. A reception and group meals will support professional networking and in-depth dialogue.

Participants: Approximately 25 representatives from civilian government agencies, non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations and the armed forces will attend. Participants should be mid-to-senior level with policy-making and/or experience working in the field.

Cost: Tuition for this course is approximately $5,500, depending on the type of security assistance funding used.

Eligibility: This course is both IMET and E-IMET certified. High demand for this course is anticipated. Enrollment decisions will be based primarily on appropriateness of the specific applicant.