

TRAINING ALERT

S-271 Helicopter Crewmember

The S-271 curriculum has been recently updated and requires testing in a representative training environment.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring the success of the process by completing a required 4-6 hour OLT and a post-delivery learner assessment.

May 13-15, 2025

Boise National Forest, Garden Valley Work Center
1219 Banks-Lowman Road, Garden Valley, Idaho

Nomination Deadline: April 18, 2025

DESCRIPTION: This classroom/field course is designed to provide student proficiency in all areas of the tactical and logistical use of helicopters to achieve efficiency and standardization. Topics include aviation safety, aircraft capabilities and limitations, aviation life support equipment, aviation mishap reporting, pre-flight checklist and briefing/debriefing, aviation transportation of hazardous materials, crash survival, helicopter operations, helicopter field exercise.

Note: The regulations, procedures and policies addressed in this course are primarily those governing federal agency and ICS operations. State, county, or other political subdivisions using this course will need to consult their agency having jurisdiction with respect to regulations, procedures and policies.

OBJECTIVES Upon course completion, students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in all identified areas of helicopter use to safely achieve efficiency and standardization.

TARGET GROUP: Personnel involved in fire and non-fire project assignments with helicopter and desiring to be qualified as a Helicopter Crewmember.

PREREQUISITES: Fire personnel - qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).
New testing curriculum will have 4-6 hours of Online Training (OLT), plus 2-days of Instructor-Led Training (ILT) and 1 field day.

In addition, the 3-courses below can be found at the IAT website at <https://iat.nifc.gov/>. Students who do not have an existing IAT profile will need to create one. Please contact the course coordinator with any questions.

A-100, Basic Aviation Safety
A-110, Aviation Transportation of HazMat
A-200, Annual Mishap Review

SCHEDULE: The course will begin Tuesday, May 13, and conclude on Thursday, May 15.
A day will be spent in the field, participants will be required to have nomex protective clothing, leather gloves/boots, hard hat, eye and ear protection, handheld calculator and a radio.

COST: No tuition. Students and instructors are responsible for travel and per diem.

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NOMINATIONS: Submit nominations via this google form, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J5kGS2ysqnuOoXRy4GuMiofYaQggJJwy8QqP6iZ7N44/viewform>.