

Orange County First Responders Participate in ICS-300 Training

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The Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC), a program administered by the Municipal Water District of Orange County, recently facilitated a three-day Incident Command System (ICS) 300 training course for 30 first responders primarily from Orange County water and wastewater agencies. The course provided an in-depth focus on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) ICS, and included a variety of exercises to better prepare participants to tackle the challenges of the next disaster that affects

Orange County.

WEROC secured the course at no cost through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Training was hosted at El Toro Water District, and was led by two experienced instructors from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension under the FEMA program.

WEROC supports countywide emergency preparedness, planning, response, and recovery efforts among water and wastewater utilities, and will continue to offer valuable training opportunities to its' member agencies. An ICS-400 course is tentatively scheduled for July 2020.