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DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES

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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 civilian 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 civilian authorities, interactions with civil society organizations, and the associated 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 how military support may be provided to civilian law enforcement and related authorities, including use of military equipment, intelligence, ordinance disposal, reserve components, and public affairs personnel. As appropriate, military assets may be used in disaster response, counter-narcotics operations, civil disturbances, and law enforcement.

Course topics may 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 grade equivalents of O-4 or higher, and representatives from other institutions concerned with domestic support operations, such as civil society.

ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG programming has been developed over 25 years by providing military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build connected networks of international peers through a professional learning environment.



FACULTY

ISG has a diverse faculty team grounded in professional experience from academic, military, government, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and American and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted with partner nations as part of the US Government security cooperation effort. Participation in ISG courses is managed through the Security Cooperation Office of the US Embassy in-country. Interested partner nation personnel should work through their government’s international cooperation section, or the relevant US Embassy’s security/military cooperation section for selection processes and enrollment. Where appropriate, 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, CTIWWP/RDFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, 332, MSI, etc.). Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG or the applicable NETSAFA Country Program Manager.

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