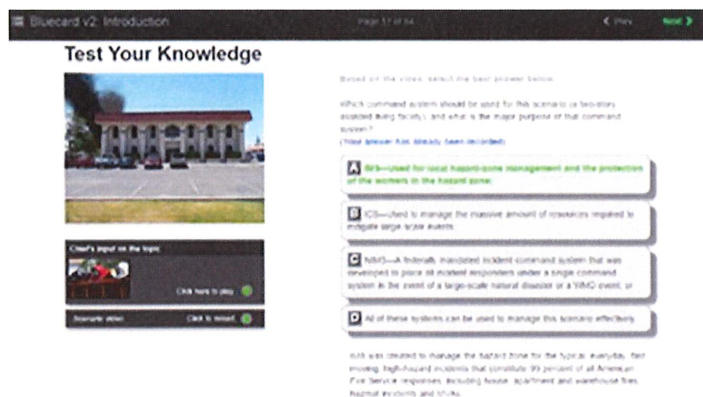


Online Training Program Overview



The Blue Card online training program is a 40 to 50 hour course that teaches the cognitive portion of the Blue Card IC certification program. The online program is based on the Fire Command curriculum package. The training material is organized around the IC's checklists and the professional qualifications of the Blue Card Incident Commander standard. All of the online content has been developed in a manner to support, compliment and integrate with NIMS.

The online program marries the critical concepts of incident management, strategy & tactics and key firefighter safety requirements with high-fidelity structure fire simulations and subject matter expert inputs. This moves the material beyond the theory into the actual application of the work. Using the Internet to package and deliver the training provides a much more interactive experience for the student. Hot coaching via short video clips from subject matter experts reinforces and standardizes the material.

Online training offers many advantages. It is more affordable, the student can access it anywhere there is an Internet connection, it keeps units in service, it standardizes the cognitive delivery of the material, the student's progresses at their own pace and completion is recorded and tracked within our record keeping system. Recent studies indicate that students learn and retain more with an online approach versus traditional educational methods.

Program "Enforcement Rules": because the Blue Card on-line training program ties directly into a certification program, the student is required to view and listen to, all of the programs content in order to satisfy all of the standards cognitive, knowledge based training requirements.