PER-257
Cybersecurity First Responder

No Cost Cybersecurity Training

32 Hours. Instructor-Led

This intermediate-level course is designed for technical personnel who are first responders to any type of cyber-based attack against our nation's critical cyber infrastructure.

This National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC) training course is developed by the Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Arkansas System.

Date & Location:
February 23 - 26, 2026

UNCP Pembroke
Main Campus
Chavis University Center
Room 208
209 North Odum Street
Pembroke, NC 28372

For further information contact
Steven Washkowiak   cdi@cji.edu

Course Description

This course uses blended learning methods that include a balance of classroom lecture, hands-on laboratory exercises and the use of cyberterrorism response tools against real world simulated cyber-attacks.

Students learn the proper steps of an incident response to include incident assessment, detection and analysis, and the containing, eradicating, and recovering process from a system or network-based attack. At the end of the course, the participants will be able to:

- define steps for handling cybersecurity attacks, including incident assessment, detection and analysis for security incidents, and containing, eradicating and recovering from a system or network-based attack;

- Identify, define and practice with tools and resources required in the cybersecurity incident response process in order to accurately and successfully detect, analyze and mitigate a cyberattack; and

- define the proper techniques used to properly review, critique and build upon the CFR process through a series of review meetings and lessons learned methods;

- and more.

Target Audience

Technical personnel and technical managers within the public or private sectors affiliated with an agency or organization considered as part of our nation's critical infrastructure.

Preferred Prerequisites

Any experience with handling cyber-incidents; plus, a minimum three years' experience as a system or network administrator, or a minimum of four years' experience as a cybersecurity professional.

Required Materials

This course is delivered utilizing a mobile computer training lab with laptops that are preconfigured with hands-on exercises that immerse participants in real-world cybersecurity examples.

For more information about cybersecurity training through the NCPC, visit NationalCPC.org

All NCPC courses are certified and funded by the DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency.