

Olympic National Forest will host an S-203 class, **Introduction to Incident Information**, from May 24 through May 28 in Olympia, WA.

S-203 is a 32-hour class that provides students with the skills and knowledge to serve as Public Information Officers (PIOF) at fires or all risk incidents. Course materials cover the basics of establishing an incident information operation, communicating with internal and external audiences, working with the news media, handling special situations, and creating a long-term information strategy. There are no prerequisites.

Participants may choose to initiate a task book to become formally qualified as a PIOF but the task book is optional and not required for class. There is no tuition, but each student's home unit will be responsible for travel and per diem costs. Students will be asked to complete pre-work and participate in classroom discussions, activities, and simulations.

This is a fun class that provides an excellent set of tools for responding to information needs on any incident. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in signing up for the class, please call me.

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