## **COURSE PLANNING**

The ECAT in Disasters Course may be run on five consecutive days or five single intermittent days over a period of five to fifteen weeks.

A ratio of at most 8 participants to one instructor/assistant (8:1) is advisable. A lower ratio is good, but a higher ratio may compromise participant's skill practicing, as this is a skills-based course.

Chosen course venue should have:

- 1. Comfortable, cool lecture space, as sessions are long
- 2. Available AV equipment (projector, TV-VCR, flipchart/paper)
- 3. Generous floor space in easy vicinity, for role-playing and skills teaching/testing.
- 4. Nearby field space within walking distance for Lesson 12 "Problem-Solving in the Field." Alternatively, transportation may be made available on day 5 to access that pre-identified venue.
- 5. Eating area and decent bathroom facilities.

Participants should be certified in Basic First Aid and By-Stander CPR. Previous experience in MCM, SMID and ICS will be an asset.

Participants may receive ECAT manuals up to one week ahead of start of course and be allowed to **borrow** the Brady manual on the start day of the course for the course duration.

Participants should be informed prior to the course that they should wear loose comfortable clothes suitable for role-playing of field exercise.

Participants may be given a personal response kit at the end of the course, if available. (See course Equipment)