PLANNING SERIES · PLN-03

PLN-03 — Community SITREP

The Intelligence Fusion Model

Turning intelligence into action after a disaster.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

PLN-03 teaches households, MAGs, and CERT teams to fuse scattered post-incident observations — radio traffic, welfare checks, outage maps, direct reports — into one structured Community SITREP, built around the same seven Community Lifelines used across the FFTP curriculum.

It is not a Threat/Hazard Assessment (that's pre-incident probability planning, covered by the Personal Preparedness Assessment Workbook), and it does not teach individual observation reporting (that's INT-03's SALUTE/SPOT format). PLN-03 is the fusion step in between: it takes reports that already exist and turns them into one picture a decision-maker can act on.

WHY THIS MATTERS

A neighborhood with ten fragments of information has no information at all.

After a disaster, every household knows one true, narrow slice of what happened. Without a shared structure, those fragments never add up to a picture anyone can act on — a Community SITREP fuses what already exists instead of collecting more.

> *"Ground truth outranks context, every time — an official map showing a road as open does not outrank a neighbor who just tried to drive it."*

THE FOUR INPUT STREAMS

Category	What It Covers
HUMINT	Human observation — what a person directly saw or heard, including individual SALUTE/SPOT reports (INT-03).
SIGINT/COMINT	Signals and communications — radio traffic and repeater status, including silence as a signal.
TECHINT	Technical and infrastructure condition — power, water, fuel, and system status.
OSINT	Open-source context — weather, official alerts, utility maps. Validates ground truth; never overrides it.

COURSE LESSONS

01	**Why Post-Disaster Information Fails** The core problem, and the line between a Threat Assessment and a Community SITREP.
02	**The Intelligence Fusion Model** Four input streams, and the rule that keeps fusion honest when sources conflict.
03	**Building the SITREP: Structure and Mechanics** Every field, the seven Lifelines in order, and a fully worked example.
04	**Reassessment Loop: Feeding Household Data Upward** How the FEP, PPA, Next of Kin, and Household Recovery Workbooks connect to the fusion process.
05	**Capstone: Fusing a SITREP from Fragmented Inputs** A novel, partially conflicting scenario — judgment practice, not new content.

DOCTRINAL SOURCES

Source	Publisher	Relevance
Community Lifelines Construct	FEMA	The seven-category framework this course's SITREP is built around (PLN-01).
SALUTE & SPOT Report Training	FFTP (INT-03)	The individual-observation format feeding this course's HUMINT category.
FEP Workbook	FFTP	The execution layer a SITREP's header draws on.