

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



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What are the benefits of an IRT mission for my Community?

The community receives no cost services which save them money while military professionals get hands on training which prepares them for future deployments.

- A partnership is developed while members from the community actively work with the military to serve community needs.
- Long term impact is created within the community as a result of a successful mission.

What types of Missions can my community apply for?

IRT has over 27 years of experience in conducting Construction, Dental, Medical, Veterinary, and Transportation missions. The program has more recently started conducting Cybersecurity, Civil Affairs, Diving, and Aerial Spray missions. Any valid training requirement can be considered for an IRT mission. If there is a training need, it could be an IRT!

How do I create an IRT Account?

- Click [Apply Now](#)
- Read information on left side of the screen on "New to IRT?" and follow directions to "Create and Account". Once at this site, you will be prompted to create a login - user name and password.

How do I create a new application?

- Click [Apply Now](#)
- Log in to your IRT account
- Click Start Community Application

When are community applications due?

Community applications are due no later than September 30th. IRT reviews every application thoroughly and notifies accepted Communities the following summer.

Are there any restrictions?

The IRT Restrictions are:

- All missions must be within the US or its territories
- Military cannot provide any law enforcement capabilities
- Cannot respond to natural or man-made disasters, but can integrate into long-term recovery efforts

What happens if my Community Application is not submitted prior to the deadline?

If your community misses the September 30th deadline then your application will be considered in the next mission planning cycle.

How long do I have to wait for a mission to start once my application is submitted?

- This process can typically take 24 months for missions funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).
- Non OSD funded missions are typically funded by the Military unit and tend to be local to where the unit is based. These missions are much smaller in scope and can be executed between 3-4 months after the community application is submitted.

What happens once my community application matches with a military unit?

This is when the planning will start. There will be three meetings leading up to mission execution. The Initial Planning meeting (IPM), Mid Planning Meeting (MPM), Final Planning Meeting (FPM), Mission.

What happens at the IPM and what/who do I need to prepare/bring?

The Community members and Military unit planners will meet at IPM which is held at the proposed mission location during the first quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) of the fiscal year. This allows all members involved to look and the

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site/sites to better start working on logistical and planning issues leading up to the mission.

The Community should have all personnel pertinent with the application attend the IPM. This helps both Community and Military partners meet face to face and establish a working relationship which helps mitigate planning issues leading up to the mission execution.

The Community must have the completed community application and after actions reports from prior iterations of the mission is this applies.

Listen to the **“How to prepare for your Initial planning Meeting (IPM)”** podcast on <https://irt.defense.gov/Portals/57/audio/IRT%20-%20Podcast%20Episode%202%201st%20draft-C.mp3?ver=2019-04-03-143735-253>

When do missions occur?

Missions typically occur between April and September.

My community participated in an IRT mission before, can we participate again?

Communities are encouraged to apply for IRT missions at any time. There are many missions that last for multiple years. It is important for community members and military units to develop a good working relationship to ensure future work together.

What do I do if I am having issues with my application?

Email the IRT helpdesk at IRTHelpDesk@lmi.org with a short description of your issue. Please be sure to put your application number as part of the subject line. All helpdesk inquiries are typically answered within 24 hours. If you need emergency assistance regarding your application, please call 703-917-7121.

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- <https://twitter.com/irtswin?lang=en>
- <https://www.instagram.com/irtswin/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/irtswin/>