Training for Incidental Operators

What is an Incidental Operator?
Incidental operators and billet holders typically perform their incidental duties in addition to their primarily assigned billet and MOS. Incidental assignments are often collaterally assigned duties that can be temporary in duration. One familiar example is the incidental motor vehicle operator.

Although the required skills are often inherent to a specific MOS, the incidental operator will typically not be expected to perform across the full range of MOS skills or to the same level of expertise. The incidental distinction often implies a need to train some subset of the formal MOS skills.

What distinguishes incidental from MOS training?
The skills needed by an incidental operator or for other incidental assignments usually have a MOS or formal school foundation; however, training for incidental skills typically falls somewhere between the very basic level of common training and the full breadth and depth of a formal learning center program of instruction (POI). Training for incidental skills may involve fewer learning objectives or a lesser level of performance to demonstrate satisfactory achievement. Training duration is invariably reduced, and instructional strategies may differ from those used in MOS training.

How and Where is Training Provided?
Formal school training is centrally managed and coordinated to ensure consistency and alignment to MOS training requirements. Formal Schools are typically resident experiences.

Common skill training occurs during entry-level training. The sustainment of common skills is usually a unit leader responsibility.

Although it may comprise an abbreviated POI at the formal school, incidental training is often delivered by local or unit instruction or via distance learning.

How does MarineNet Support Incidental Training?
MarineNet courses support a wide range of incidental training requirements. In some cases (HMMWV Incidental Motor Vehicle Operator Course), MarineNet courses are specifically tailored to service-wide incidental training. In many other cases, MarineNet courses can be leveraged by unit leaders to support their unique incidental training requirements.

Incidental Billets Supported by MarineNet
- Armory Custodian
- Environmental Compliance Coordinator
- Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO)
- CBRN Monitor, Decontamination Team-Member
- Combat Lifesaver
- Crew-Served Weapon Team-Member
- Forward Observer
- Generator Operator
- HMMWV Operator
- JTAC (Joint Terminal Attack Controller)
- LRSO (Laser Range Safety Officer)
- MTVR Operator
- Physical Security Chief
- Radio Operator
- Range Safety Officer
- Safety Manager
- Suicide Prevention Program Officer
- Terminal Area Security Officer (TASO)