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513 The Incident Command System and Community Safety: Working Together

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The Incident Command System and Community Safety

Working Together



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Community "Stovepipes"

Perception that each agency can do "their thing" with little interaction:

- Day-to-day OPS
- Communications systems and cultures
- Vertical not horizontal




Stovepipes

Incident Command...

Provides a structure to break down stovepipes!

- Common language
- Common structure
- Common positions



Objectives...

- Review the primary features of incident command (ICS)
- Understand how incident command is established at an incident
- Understand how best to integrate community agencies into a common ICS
- Know how to access additional learning material on ICS

Core Doctrine of ICS



Common Terminology

An 'apple' is an 'apple'

Typing and kind-ing

Elimination of codes
(“plain English”)

Helps alleviate
confusion

“But what about



Common Structure

Unity of Command
Chain of Command
Span of Control
“Orderly Line of Authority”



Common Positions

Allows leveraging all
capabilities into a
single organization

Reduces confusion
during incidents

Reduces re-invention

Simplifies transitions



Implementing Incident Command



Who Is the Incident Commander?

Fire department officers

Police commanders

Emergency management staff

Public health officials

Trained in ICS?

Varying levels of experience

The First Responders

- Conducts incident size-up
- Establishes initial command
- Directs immediate actions
- Requests additional resources



Establishing Command

- Radio transmission/announcement
- Stationary command post out of harm's way
- Radio communications and coordination
- Life safety decisions



Who's Who of Incident Command

Critical Characters



Division/Group Supervisor

- Geographic or functional leadership
- Resources assigned (single, strike team, TF)
- Directs field operations



Operations Section Chief

- All incident assigned resources 'belong' to OPS
- Directs the accomplishment of incident objectives
- Often owns staged resources



Incident Commander

- Responsible for the specific incident jurisdiction where he/she has authority
- Extension of elected officials
- Can be unified command
- Functions in all positions unless otherwise assigned



Strategies for Success



Strategies for Success: Before the Event

Planned Events!

Get your ICS training

Talk to the fire 'guys,' it's a good place to start

discuss potential training opportunities

ICS documents in use

Establish relationship with your county emergency management agency

communications linkages

Strategies for Success: During the Event

Respond only when called for, unless there is an obvious resource need that you can uniquely fill

Ensure you are properly integrated by reporting to incident command post

Work through the chain of command. If you don't know it... ask

Coordinate, coordinate, coordinate!

Strategies for Success: After the Event

Attend after-action meetings as invited

Follow up with new 'friends'

Inquire about follow-on training and exercise opportunities

Become involved!

ICS Training: There's no Excuse

www.fema.gov

Search on: "nims training"

Click on:
fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingCourses

Click on: "NIMS Courses"

Take:

IS-100.b - Introduction to ICS

IS-700.a - NIMS, An Introduction



Conclusions

Build community relationships - no shortcuts

Train and exercise - use planned events

Seek the IC - integrate, integrate, integrate!



Thanks!
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