

Incident Command System

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INTENT AND PURPOSE

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Effective functioning at the scene of an emergency requires clear, decisive action and command responsibility. The Incident Command System will establish the procedures normal utilized in making decisions at the scene of a fire or other emergency situation. This system establishes guidelines that will be employed to control the majority of emergency situations.

The purpose of this guideline is to:

1. Provide for the safety of personnel operating at emergency incidents through improved command and control (or management of emergencies).
2. Improve the use of resources and tactical effectiveness.
3. Meet the OSHA/EPA regulations requiring the use of an Incident Command System for hazardous materials incidents.
4. Meet the NFPA Standard 1500 recommendations for the use of an Incident Command System for operations at all emergency incidents.

The Incident Command System identifies the suggested operating guidelines to be employed in setting up the command post and establishing command responsibility at the emergency scene.