

Annex 1: Lewis County National Incident Management System Incident Command System Position Description

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I. POSITION: AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: In many multi-jurisdictional incidents, an agency or jurisdiction will send a representative to assist in coordination efforts.

An Agency Representative is an individual assigned to an incident from an assisting or cooperating agency who has been delegated authority to make decisions on matters affecting that agency's participation at the incident.

Agency representatives report to the Liaison Officer, or to the EOC Manager in the absence of a Liaison Officer.

1. RESPONSIBILITIES:
2. Check in properly at the EOC.
3. Obtain briefing from the Liaison Officer or EOC Manager.
4. Inform assisting or cooperating agency personnel on the incident that the Agency Representative position for that agency has been filled.
5. Clarify any issues regarding your authority and assignment and what other in the organization do.
6. Establish communication link with home agency. If unable to do so, notify Communications Unit in the Logistics Section.
7. Obtain EOC organization chart and telephone listings. Review the location and general duties of all sections and branches that have been activated.
8. Facilitate requests for support or information that your agency can provide.
9. Keep up-to-date on the general status of resources and activity associated with your agency.
10. Provide appropriate situation information to the Planning Section.
11. Keep your agency informed of the situation.
12. Attend briefings and planning meetings as required.
13. Provide input on the use of agency resources unless resource technical specialists are assigned from the agency.
14. Cooperate fully with the EOC Manager and the General Staff on agency involvement at the incident.
15. Ensure the well-being of agency personnel assigned to the incident.
16. Advise the Liaison Officer of any special agency needs or requirements.
17. Report to home agency dispatch or headquarters on a prearranged schedule.

18. Ensure that all agency personnel and equipment are properly accounted for and released prior to departure.
19. Ensure that all required agency forms, reports and documents are complete prior to departure.
20. Have a debriefing session with the Liaison Officer or Incident Commander prior to departure.
21. Check out of EOC when demobilization is authorized.
22. Leave a forwarding phone number if necessary.

II. POSITION: EOC MANAGER

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: The EOC Manager's responsibility is the overall management of the County EOC. On most incidents the command activity is carried out by a single EOC Manager. The EOC Manager is selected by qualifications and experience.

The EOC Manager may have a deputy, who may be from the same agency, or from an assisting agency. Deputies may also be used at section and branch levels of the ICS organization. Deputies must have the same qualifications as the person for whom they work as they must be ready to take over that position at any time.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assess the situation and / or obtain a briefing from the prior EOC Manager.
2. Determine Incident Objectives and strategy for the operational period.
3. Determine level of staffing needed to begin dealing with the emergency. This may be increased or decreased later.
4. Determine what level incident this is.
5. Determine if a field operation is needed.
6. Establish the immediate priorities.
7. Ensure planning meetings are scheduled as required.
8. Approve and authorize the implementation of an Incident Action Plan.
9. Ensure that adequate safety measures are in place.
10. Coordinate activity for all Command and General Staff.
11. Coordinate with County Chairman's Office, SOEM, and FEMA.
12. Approve requests for additional resources or for the release of resources.
13. Keep agency administrator informed of incident status.
14. Approve the use of trainees, volunteers, and auxiliary personnel.
15. Determine the operational period.
16. Authorize release of information to the news media.
17. Order the demobilization of the incident when appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Lewis County ICS Incident Organization Chart
2. Copy of Notification Procedure

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III. POSITION: FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION SECTION COORDINATOR

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Finance / Administration Section Coordinator is responsible for managing all financial aspects of the incident. He / she is responsible for tracking all incident costs and providing guidance to the EOC Manager on financial issues that may have an impact on incident operations.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Check-In upon arrival at the EOC.
2. Report to the EOC Manager.
3. Obtain a briefing on the situation
4. Review your position responsibilities.
5. Determine if other section staff are at the EOC.
6. Ensure that the section is set up properly and that appropriate personnel, equipment and supplies are in place. Set-up your work station.
7. Review organization in place at the EOC. Know where to go for information or support.
8. Clarify any issues you may have regarding your authority and assignment, and what others in the organization do.
9. Open and maintain section logs.
10. Organize and staff section as appropriate.
11. Identify collateral response organization(s) and positions.
12. Manage all financial aspects of an incident.
13. Confer with EOC Manager on delegation of purchasing authority to section. Determine appropriate purchasing limits to delegate to Logistics Section.
14. Meet with Operations and Logistics Coordinators. Determine financial and administrative support needs. Review procedures for on-going support from section. Establish purchasing limits for Logistics Section.
15. Based on the situation as known or forecast, determine likely future Finance/Administration section personnel and support needs.
16. Review responsibilities of units in section. Develop plan for carrying out all responsibilities.
17. Activate organizational units within section as needed and designate leaders for each unit.
18. Request additional personnel for the section as necessary to maintain appropriate level of EOC operations.
19. Determine need for representation or participation of other agency representatives.

20. Adopt a proactive attitude. Think ahead and anticipate situations and problems before they occur.

C. Operational Duties

1. Provide financial and cost analysis information as requested.
2. Gather pertinent information from briefings with responsible agencies.
3. Develop an operating plan for the Finance/Administration Section; fill supply and support needs.
4. Meet with Assisting and Cooperating Agency Representatives as needed.
5. Maintain daily contact with agency(s) administrative headquarters on Finance / Administration matters.
6. Ensure that section logs and files are maintained.
7. Carry out responsibilities of Finance/Administrative Section units that are not currently activated.
8. Maintain current displays associated with your area. Make sure that information reports or displays you prepare are clear and understandable.
9. Make sure that all contacts with the media are fully coordinated first with the Information Officer.
10. Participate in EOC Manager's strategy meetings and planning meetings.
11. Conduct periodic briefings for section. Ensure that all organizational elements are aware of priorities.
12. Monitor section activities and adjust section organization as appropriate.
13. Resolve problems that arise in conduct of section responsibilities.
14. Brief EOC Manager on major problem areas that now need or will require solutions.
15. Share status information with other with other sections as appropriate.
16. Keep agency administrators apprised of overall financial situation.
17. Brief your relief at shift change time.

D. Demobilization

1. Provide financial input to demobilization planning.
2. Authorize deactivation of organizational elements within the section when they are no longer required. Ensure that any open actions are handled by section or transferred to other EOC elements as appropriate.
3. Demobilize the Section and close out logs when authorized by the EOC Manager.
4. Ensure that any open actions are assigned to the appropriate agency or element for follow-on support.

5. Ensure that any required forms or reports are completed prior to your release and departure.
6. Brief agency administrative personnel on all incident-related financial issues needing attention or follow-up.
7. Be prepared to provide input to the After Action Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. County Telephone Directory
2. ICS Forms Catalog
3. ICS Incident Organization Chart

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IV. POSITION: LOGISTICS SECTION COORDINATOR

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Logistics Section Coordinator is responsible for providing all support needs to the incident (except air). Support needs include facilities, services, personnel, equipment and supplies. The Logistics Section Coordinator participates in the development and implementation of the Incident Action Plan, and activates and supervises the units within the Logistics Section.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Check-In upon arrival at the EOC.
2. Report to the EOC Manager.
3. Obtain a briefing on the situation.
4. Review your position responsibilities.
5. Determine if other section staff are at the EOC.
6. Ensure that the section is set up properly and that appropriate personnel, equipment and supplies are in place. Set-up your work station.
7. Review organization in place at the EOC. Know where to go for information or support.
8. Clarify any issues you may have regarding your authority and assignment, and what others in the organization do.
9. Open and maintain section logs.
10. Manage all incident logistics.
11. Provide logistical input to the EOC Manager in preparing the Incident Action Plan.
12. Brief Branch Directors and Unit Leaders as needed.
13. Identify anticipated and known incident service and support requirements.
14. Request additional resources as needed.
15. Review and provide input to the Communications Plan, the Medical Plan and the Traffic Plan.
16. Supervise requests for additional resources.
17. Oversee demobilization of the Logistics Section.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1. County Telephone Directory
2. 2. ICS Forms Catalog
3. 3. ICS Incident Organization Chart

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V. POSITION: OPERATIONS SECTION COORDINATOR

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Operations Section Coordinator is responsible for the management of all tactical operations for the incident. The Operations Section Coordinator helps formulate and interprets strategy established by the EOC Manager, and implements it tactically as per EOC procedures. The Operations Section Coordinator activates and supervises organizational elements in accordance with the Incident Action Plan and directs its execution. The Operations Section Coordinator also directs the preparation of unit operational plans, requests or releases resources, makes expedient changes to the Incident Action Plan as necessary, and reports such changes to the EOC Manager.

The Operations Section Coordinator ensures that the operations function is carried out including the coordination of response for all operational functions assigned to the EOC and ensures that operational objectives and assignments / missions identified in the IAP are carried out effectively. The Operations Section Coordinator establishes the appropriate level of organization within the section, continuously monitors the effectiveness of that organization and makes changes as required. The Operations Section Coordinator exercises overall responsibility for the coordination of operational activities within the section and ensures that all state agency actions under the section are accomplished within the priorities established. The Operations Section Coordinator reports to the EOC Manager on all matters pertaining to section activities.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Check-In upon arrival at the EOC.
2. Report to the EOC Director.
3. Obtain a briefing on the situation.
4. Review your position responsibilities.
5. Determine if other section staff are at the EOC.
6. Ensure that the Operations Section is set up properly and that appropriate personnel, equipment and supplies are in place. Set-up your work station.
7. Review organization in place at the EOC. Know where to go for information or support.
8. Clarify any issues you may have regarding your authority and assignment, and what others in the organization do.
9. Open and maintain section logs.
10. Meet with Communications Unit Leader.
 - a) - Obtain briefing on on-site and external communications capabilities and restrictions.

- i) Establish operating procedure with Communications Unit for use of telephone and radio systems.
 - ii) Make any priorities or special requests known.
11. Attempt to determine estimated times of arrival of requested staff who are not yet on site.
12. Establish contact and determine status of collateral EOCs. Determine status of any requests for missions / assistance.
13. Meet with the Planning Section Coordinator. Obtain and review any major incident reports. Obtain from the Planning Section additional field operational information that may pertain to or affect section operation.
14. Based on the situation as known or forecast, determine likely future Operations Section needs.
15. Review responsibilities of the section. Develop plan for carrying out all responsibilities.
16. Make a list of key issues currently facing your Section. Clearly establish with assembles personnel action items to be accomplished within the current operational period.
17. Activate organizational elements within section as needed and designate supervisors for each element.
18. Determine need for representation or participation of other agency representatives.
19. Request additional personnel for the section as necessary for maintaining appropriate level of EOC operation.
20. Advise EOC Manager of Section status.
21. Adopt a proactive attitude. Think ahead and anticipate situations and problems before they occur.

C. Operational Duties

1. Ensure that section EOC logs and files are maintained.
2. Keep up to date on situation and resources associated with your section. Maintain current status at all times.
3. Maintain current displays associated with your area. Make sure that the information reports or displays you prepare are clear and understandable.
4. Provide situation and resources information to the Planning Section on a periodic basis or as the situation requires.
5. Make sure that all contacts with the media are fully coordinated first with the Public Information Officer.
6. Conduct periodic briefings and work to reach consensus among staff on objectives for forth-coming operational periods.
7. Attend and participate in strategy and planning meetings.
8. Work closely with the Planning Section Coordinator in the development of EOC Incident Action Plans.

9. Work closely with each supervisor to ensure operation's objectives as define in the current Incident Action Plan are being addressed.
10. Ensure that information for your sections and Agency Representatives is made available to the Planning Section.
11. Ensure that all fiscal and administrative requirements are coordinated through the Finance/Administration Section:
 - a) Notification of any emergency expenditure
 - b) Time sheets
12. Brief EOC Manager on major problem areas that now need or will require solutions.
13. Brief supervisors periodically on any updated information you may have received.
14. Share status information with other sections as appropriate.
15. Brief your relief at shift change time.
16. Deactivate subordinate units when no longer required. Ensure that all paperwork is complete and logs are submitted to the Documentation Unit (or Planning Section).

D. Demobilization

1. Authorize demobilization of organizational elements with the section when they are no longer needed. Ensure that any open sections are handled by section or transferred to other EOC elements as appropriate.
2. Demobilize the Section and close out logs when authorized by the EOC Manager.
3. Ensure that any open actions are assigned to the appropriate agency or element for follow-on support.
4. Ensure that any required forms or reports are completed prior to your release and departure.
5. Be prepared to provide input to the After Action Report.
6. Manage tactical operations.
 - a) Interact with next lower level of Section (Branch, Division/Group) to develop the operations portion of the Incident Action Plan.
 - b) Request resources needed to implement the Operations Section's tactics as a part of the Incident Action Plan development (ICS 215).
7. Assists in development of the operations portion of the Incident Action Plan.
8. Supervise the execution of the Incident Action Plan for Operations.
 - a) Maintain close contact with subordinate positions.
 - b) Ensure safe tactical operations.
9. Request additional resources to support tactical operations.
10. Approve release of resources from assigned status (not release from the incident)

11. Make or approve expedient changes to the Incident Action plan during the Operational Period as necessary.
12. Maintain close communication with the Incident Commander.
13. Maintain Unit Log.

ATTACHMENTS

1. County Telephone Directory
2. ICS Forms Catalog
3. ICS Incident Organization Chart

VI. POSITION: PLANNING SECTION COORDINATOR

A. POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Planning Section Coordinator is responsible for the collection, evaluation, dissemination and use of information about the development of the incident and the status of resources. Information is needed to understand the current situation, predict the probable course of incident events, and prepare alternative strategies and control operations for the incident. The Planning Section Coordinator conducts the Planning Meeting and is responsible for producing a written Incident Action Plan (if so directed by the Incident Commander). The Planning Section Coordinator activates and supervises units within the Planning Section; Situation Unit, Resource Unit, Documentation Unit, Demobilization Unit and Technical Specialists.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Check-In upon arrival at the EOC.
2. Report to the EOC Manager.
3. Obtain a briefing on the situation.
4. Review your position responsibilities.
5. Determine if other section staff are at the EOC.
6. Ensure that the section is set up properly and that appropriate personnel, equipment and supplies are in place. Set-up your work station.
7. Review organization in place at the EOC. Know where to go for information or support.
8. Clarify any issues you may have regarding your authority and assignment, and what others in the organization do.
9. Open and maintain section logs.
10. Organize and staff section as appropriate.
11. Identify collateral response organization(s) and positions.
12. Collect from all available sources information about the incident.
13. Supervise preparation of the Incident Action Plan.
14. Modify the Incident Action Plan to meet changing needs as necessary.
15. Prior to the completion of the Incident Action Plan, prepare and distribute the EOC Manager's objectives.
16. Provide input to the EOC Manager and Operations Section Coordinator for the preparation of the Incident Action Plan by the Planning Section.
17. Conduct the Planning Meeting.
18. Identify out-of-service personnel and positions they are qualified to fill.

19. Assign out-of-service personnel to ICS organizational positions as appropriate.
20. Establish reporting requirements and reporting schedules for all ICS organizational elements.
21. Gather, post, and maintain current incident resource status including transportation, and support vehicles and personnel.
22. Determine need for any specialized resources in support of the incident.
23. If requested, assemble and disassemble resources not assigned to operations.
24. Identify coincidental information needs and gather as necessary.
25. Insure that information concerning special environmental needs is included in the Incident Action Plan.
26. Assemble information on alternative strategies based on projections.
27. Provide periodic predictions on incident potential and develop contingency plans (i.e. worst case scenario).
28. Advise General Staff of any significant changes in incident status.
29. Anticipate changes in resource needs.
30. Compile and display incident status information.
31. Oversee preparation of Incident demobilization plan.
32. Develop the incident traffic plan.
33. Develop the incident medical plan.
34. Incorporate the Incident Traffic Plan and supporting plans developed by other units (Incident Communications Plan etc.) into the Incident Action Plan.
35. Maintain Unit Log.
36. Perform operational planning for the Planning Section.
37. Insure coordination between the Planning Section and other Command and General staff.

NIMS:

Will enable responders at all Jurisdictional levels and across all disciplines to work together more effectively and efficiently. The NIMS represents a core set of doctrine, principles, terminology, and organizational processes to enable effective, efficient and collaborative incident management at all levels. To provide the framework for interoperability and compatibility, the NIMS is based on a balance between flexibility and standardization. It incorporates many existing best practices into a comprehensive national approach to domestic incident management, applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across all functional disciplines. This flexibility applies across all phases of incident management: prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

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