Unit 1: Course Overview
Course Objectives

- Describe the Incident Command System (ICS) organization appropriate to the complexity of the incident or event.
- Use ICS to manage an incident or event.
Student Introductions

Please provide your:

- Name, job title, and organization.
- Overall experience with emergency or incident response.
- ICS qualifications and most recent ICS experience.
Expectations

What do you expect to gain from this course?
Instructor Expectations

- Cooperate with the group.
- Be open to new ideas.
- Participate actively in all of the training activities and exercises.
- Return to class at the stated time.
- Use what you learn in the course to perform effectively within an ICS organization.
What Is ICS?

ICS:

- Is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept.
- Enables a coordinated response among various jurisdictions and agencies.
- Established common processes for planning and management of resources.
- Allows for integration within a common organizational structure.
When Is ICS Used?

ICS can be used to manage:

- Natural hazards.
- Technological hazards.
- Human-caused hazards.
- Planned events.
Why Use ICS?

1. It Works!

2. Mandates
National Incident Management System (NIMS)

What? . . . NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template . . .

Who? . . . to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together . . .

How? . . . to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity . . .

Why? . . . in order to reduce the loss of life and property, and harm to the environment.
NIMS Components

Preparedness

Communications and Information Management

Resource Management

Command and Management

Ongoing Management and Maintenance

Incident Command System

Multiagency Coordination Systems

Public Information

Additional Information:  www.fema.gov/emergency/nims
Activity: ICS Features Review

Instructions:

- This course builds on what you learned in ICS-100 about ICS features. Let’s see how much you remember!
- Your team will have 3 minutes to try to list as many ICS features as you can remember. Hint: There are 14 features.
- Select a spokesperson and recorder.
- Start writing when your instructor says “go.”
- Stop when the instructor calls time.
ICS Features: Review

- **Standardization**
  - Common terminology
- **Command**
  - Establishment and transfer of command
  - Chain of command and unity of command
  - Unified command
- **Planning/Organizational Structure**
  - Management by objectives
  - Incident Action Plan (IAP)
  - Modular organization
  - Manageable span of control
- **Facilities and Resources**
  - Comprehensive resource management
  - Incident locations and facilities
- **Communications/Information Management**
  - Integrated communications
  - Information and intelligence management
- **Professionalism**
  - Accountability
  - Dispatch/Deployment
Course Structure

Unit 1: Course Overview
Unit 2: Leadership & Management
Unit 3: Delegation of Authority & Management by Objectives
Unit 4: Functional Areas & Positions
Unit 5: Briefings
Unit 6: Organizational Flexibility
Unit 7: Transfer of Command
Unit 8: Course Summary
Course Logistics

- Course agenda
- Sign-in sheet
- Housekeeping:
  - Breaks
  - Message and telephone location
- Cell phone policy
- Facilities
- Other concerns
Successful Course Completion

- Participate in unit activities/exercises
- Achieve 75% or higher on the final exam
- Complete the end-of-course evaluation