

# **INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM**

## **COMPONENTS**

- COMMON TERMINOLOGY
- MODULAR ORGANIZATION
- INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION
- UNIFIED COMMAND
- CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLANS
- MANAGEABLE SPAN OF CONTROL
- PREDESTINATED INCIDENT FACILITIES
- COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## **COMMAND STAFF**

- INCIDENT COMMANDER
  - RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INCIDENT ACTIVITIES
- SAFETY OFFICER
  - MONITORS OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
  - HAS AUTHORITY TO STOP AND UNSAFE ACTIVITIES
- LIAISON OFFICER
  - POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED
- INFORMATION OFFICER
  - INTERFACES WITH THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

## **GENERAL STAFF**

- OPERATIONS CHIEF
  - REPORTS TO THE IC
  - RESPONSIBLE FOR REDUCING HAZARDS, STABILIZING SCENE AND RESTORING NORMAL OPERATIONS.
- PLANNING CHIEF
  - COLLECTS, DOCUMENTS, EVALUATES, AND DISSEMINATES ALL SITUATIONAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE IC.
- LOGISTICS CHIEF
  - RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS TO
  - SUPPORT BRANCH- SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES.
  - SERVICE BRANCH- MEDICAL COMMUNICATION AND FOOD SERVICES

- FINANCE CHIEF
  - ACTIVATED ON LARGE SCALE INCIDENT, DOCUMENTS FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
- INTELLIGENCE
  - RESPONSIBLE FOR ANALYZING SHARING SITUATIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS WEATHER, MEDICAL, STRUCTURAL DESIGNS AND HAZARD LEVELS.

## **ICS TERMS**

- ASSIGNED- RESOURCE CURRENTLY COMMITTED TO THE ASSIGNMENT
- AVAILABLE- RESOURCE THAT IS CHECKED IN WITH NO CURRENT ASSIGNMENT
- BRANCH- ORGANIZATION LEVEL BETWEEN DIVISIONS/GROUPS. FIRE BRANCH/ EMS BRANCH
- COMMAND POST- LOCATION AT WHICH ALL INCIDENT OPERATIONS ARE DIRECTED.
- DIVISION- MEANS OF ORGANIZING RESOURCES BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC DESIGNATIONS
- GROUP- MEANS OF ORGANIZING RESOURCES BASED ON FUNCTION. (SALVAGE GROUP/ VENTILATION GROUP)
- INCIDENT ACTION PLAN- WRITTEN OF UNWRITTEN PLAN FOR MANAGING AN INCIDENT
- OUT-OF-SERVICE- RESOURCES NOT AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENTS
- RESOURCES- ALL PERSONNEL AND APPARATUS RESPONDING TO THE INCIDENT
- RESOURCE STATUS- AVAILABLE, ASSIGNED, OUT-OF-SERVICE
- SINGLE RESOURCE- INDIVIDUAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS
- STRIKE TEAM- SET NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITH THE SAME KIND AND TYPE WITH AN ESTABLISHED MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL
- STRATEGIC MODE- OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE
- SUPERVISOR- COMMANDER OF A DIVISION/GROUP
- TASK FORCE- COMBINATION OF RESOURCES ASSEMBLED TO SUPPORT A SPECIFIC MISSION