
MODULE 1 – ICS ORIENTATION

TEST ANSWERS

After you have completed your self-paced study of this module, answer the following questions.

1. Name the five major activities around which the ICS is organized.

Command
Operations
Planning
Logistics
Finance/Administration

2. The General Staff consists of:

Operations Section Chief
Planning Section Chief
Logistics section Chief
Finance/Administrations Section Chief

3. Name the three major activities of the Command Staff.

Information
Safety
Liaison

4. The Incident Commander may have one or more deputies from the same agency or from other agencies or jurisdictions.

 X True

 False

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5. Deputies must always be as qualified as the person for whom they work.

☒ True

☐ False

6. Deputies may be used at which of the following levels of the ICS organization? (check all that apply)

☐ Unit

☒ Section

☐ Command Staff

☐ Divisions/Groups

☒ Branch

7. For each of the organization elements listed below on the left, designate the number for the appropriate ICS title.

Branch

Section

Division

Command Staff

Group

1. Leader

2. Officer

3. Supervisor

4. Chief

5. Director

6. Manager

8. Groups and Divisions are at the same organizational level.

☒ True

☐ False

9. List the principal facilities which may be located at an incident.

Incident Command Post

Base

Camps

Helibase

Staging Areas

Helispots

10. Groups have _____ functional _____ responsibility.

Divisions have _____ geographical _____ responsibility.

11. The decision to have a written Incident Action Plan is made by:

_____ Operations Section Chief

___X___ Incident Commander

_____ Planning Section Chief

_____ Safety Officer

12. Select four essential elements of any written Incident Action Plan.

_____ List of total resources assigned to incident

___X___ Objectives

_____ List of agencies involved

___X___ Assignments

___X___ Supporting plans and material

___X___ Organization

_____ Technical Specialist locations

13. Check-in at an incident takes place at: (check all that apply)

☒ Incident Command Post (at the Resources Unit)

☐ Facilities Unit

☒ Staging Areas

☒ Base or Camps

☐ Safety Officer

☐ Procurement Unit

☒ Helibases

☒ Division or Group Supervisors (for direct assignments)

14. Operational Periods are how long?

☐ One hour

☐ Two hours

☐ Not over twenty-four hours

☐ Twelve hours

☒ No fixed length

15. Air Operations if activated at an incident will be at what organizational level?

☐ Division

☐ Unit

☐ Section

☒ Branch

☐ Group

16. Span of control at an incident may vary within what range?

_____ One to five

____X____ Three to seven

_____ One to three

17. Listed below are the names of various organizational elements found within the ICS organization. Place the letter of the element on the row adjacent to the appropriate ICS section.

Operations Section = O

Planning Section = P

Logistics Section = L

Finance/Admin. Section = F

a. _F_ Cost Unit

b. OL_ Branch

c. _L_ Food Unit

d. _P_ Resources Unit

e. _L_ Communications Unit

f. _P_ Technical Specialists

g. _O_ Division

h. _P_ Documentation Unit

i. _L_ Facilities Unit

j. _F_ Compensation/Claims Unit

k. _O_ Air Operations

l. _L_ Ground Support Unit

m. _O_ Staging Areas

n. _P_ Situation Unit

o. _F_ Time Unit

p. _L_ Medical Unit

q. _F_ Procurement Unit

r. _P_ Demobilization Unit

s. _O_ Group

t. _L_ Supply

18. Name five applications for the use of ICS.

Fires, HAZMAT and multicasualty incidents

Multijurisdiction and multi-agency disasters

Wide area search and rescue missions

Pest eradication programs

Oil spill response and recovery incidents

Single and multi-agency law enforcement incidents

Air, rail, water or ground transportation accidents

Planned events, e.g., celebrations, parades, concerts

Private sector emergency management programs

Provincial or local major natural hazards management

19. Which of the following are general responsibilities associated with an assignment to an incident? (check all that apply)

☒ Use clear text in all radio communications at an incident.

☐ Know the names of all Command and General Staff.

☒ Bring any specialized supplies or equipment required for your job.

☒ Organize and brief any subordinates assigned to you.

☐ Prepare an information release for your agency.

☒ upon arrival, follow the Check-in procedure for the incident.

☐ Report directly to a Staging Area.

☒ Obtain a briefing from your immediate supervisor.

☐ Ensure that all personnel assigned to you are from the same agency/jurisdiction.

☒ Demobilize according to plan.

☐ Attend all planning meetings.

☒ Brief your relief at the end of each Operational Period.

☐ Hold a strategy meeting with personnel from your agency.

☒ Complete required forms and reports and give them to your supervisor or to the Documentation Unit before your leave.

☒ Acquire necessary work materials, locate, and set up your work station.

20. Name the appropriate ICS organizational element that if activated directs the activities listed below.

_____ Operations _____ Responsible for Staging Areas.

_____ Logistics _____ Provide support and services to meet incident needs.

_____ Incident Command _____ Set objectives and priorities.

_____ Planning _____ Collects and evaluates information, maintain status.

_____ Information Officer _____ Prepares information releases.

_____ Finance/Administration _____ Monitor costs, provide accounting, procurement, and time recording services.

_____ Safety Officer _____ Develops measures for assuring safety of all personnel.

_____ Operations _____ Conduct tactical operations, develop tactical objectives, and direct all tactical resources.

_____ Liaison Officer _____ Primary contact for Agency Representatives.