

Implementing your Emergency Response Plan - Incident Command System (ICS) Introduction

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Successful emergency responses can be attributed to two efforts:

1. Adequate pre-planning
2. Effective implementation of pre-planning

While many companies have some level of emergency response pre-planning, they frequently have little experience implementing their efforts. Pre-planning and effective implementation are critical for a businesses' successful recovery from earthquake, fire, flood, medical and hazardous material emergencies.

SB CAER annually holds a free emergency response tabletop drill where participants can practice implementing a pre-determined emergency response plan. The best and most appropriate structure for carrying out an emergency response plan is by using the Incident Command System (ICS).

The annual tabletop drill will be held on 8/30/06 at the Red Cross, and in preparation, anyone unfamiliar with the ICS, or interested in a refresher, are encouraged to attend a free presentation on 7/26/06 from 2-4 pm at the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Red Cross. Contact Craig Fry at 690-6654 with any questions.

There are five major management functions that are the foundation upon which the ICS organization develops. These functions apply whether you are handling a routine emergency, organizing for a major non-emergency event, or managing a response to a major disaster. The five major management functions are:



- **Incident Command:** Sets the incident objectives, strategies, and priorities and has overall responsibility at the incident or event.
- **Operations:** Conducts tactical operations to carry out the plan. Develops the tactical objectives and organization, and directs all tactical resources.
- **Planning:** Prepares and documents the Incident Action Plan to accomplish the objectives, collects and evaluates information, maintains resource status, and maintains documentation for incident records.
- **Logistics:** Provides support, resources, and all other services needed to meet the operational objectives.
- **Finance/Administration:** Monitors costs related to the incident. Provides accounting, procurement, time recording, and cost analyses.