

LOS PINOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



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INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM	302	June 23 rd , 2003	

PURPOSE

To recognize the National Fire Academy's Incident Command System as the model command system for use by the Los Pinos Fire Protection District.

GENERAL

The Incident Command System (ICS) provides a system to manage personnel, facilities, equipment, and communications. The ICS should be utilized on all emergencies. The size of this organizational structure is based on the complexity, rather than the size of the incident. The incident commander (IC) uses as much or as little of the system as needed to control and terminate the incident.

SYSTEM STRUCTURE

The system is designed to begin developing from the time an incident occurs until the requirement for management and operations no longer exist. The structure of the ICS can be established and expanded depending upon the changing conditions of the incident. The command system will de-escalate as the incident is mitigated. The command system is intended to be staffed and operated by qualified personnel from any emergency services agency and may involve personnel from a variety of agencies.

The ICS organizational structure develops in a modular fashion at any incident from the top down. Five functional areas that can be implemented as the need develops are command, operations, logistics, planning, and finance. A large scale incident will require each of these areas to be staffed and managed by section officers. Each of these areas will be defined and detailed in other SOP's. It is important to remember that each of these sections is a tool. The IC may decide not to implement each section, but needs to make themselves aware of each section's purpose and what tasks it can perform for them. Sections not implemented remain under the control of the IC.

In utilizing this system, the IC should limit their span of control to the five separate functions reporting to command.

The command of an incident may be either singular or a unified command which involves more than one person/agency. The type of command used depends largely on the following factors.

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- A. As single jurisdiction incident with single agency involvement
- B. A single jurisdiction incident with multi-agency involvement
- C. A multi-jurisdiction incident with multi-agency involvement

Regardless of the type of command used, the organizational structure should be applicable and acceptable throughout the country; it should be readily adaptable to new technology; it must be able to expand in a logical manner; and it must have common terminology and procedures. Its implementation should have the least possible disruption to existing operations.

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