THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM
@ the repository level

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Life before the Incident Command System

California October 1970
- 773 separate wildfires
- 576,000 acres
- 722 homes
- 16 dead

Chaos!

What is ICS?
A management structure that:
- Is standardized
- Supersedes that of responding agencies
- Does not follow normal management pattern
### What is ICS?

Standardized:
- Positions
- Responsibilities
- Facilities
- Reporting
- Forms
- Language

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- Internal reasons
  - Applicable to all hazards
  - Scalable
  - Cost-effective
  - Effective as response or pre-planning tool

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### What is ICS?

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### AN INCIDENT
AN INCIDENT is anything that threatens lives ♦ property ♦ the environment

RESPONSE PHASES

Who initiates initial response?

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Whoever happens to be present!

ICS provides total coordination of the response

A very top-down (military-style) approach because
- decisions need to be carried out rapidly and (generally) without question, and
- resources need to be distributed based on a centralized, coordinated plan.
MANY responders, but ONE command structure
ONE incident commander
ONE set of objectives and strategies

Each person receives orders from one direct supervisor

Each person reports to only one supervisor
**Unified Command**

**Chain of Command**

- Incident Commander
- Operations Section
- Command Group
- Support Group
- Incident Command Team
- Unified Command Team
- Unified Communications Team
- Unified Support Team
- Unified Management Team
- Unified Recovery Team

**Who initiates response?**

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**Situation Assessment (Size-Up)**

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  - Water is running and doing damage
  - Artifacts in water and being damaged

### Which is the most significant problem?

1. Life/safety

2. Other: communications, safety

3. Property preservation (including collections)

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2. Incident stabilization

### The Incident Action Plan

1. What do we want to do?

2. Who is responsible to do it?

3. What is the timeframe?

4. Other: communications, safety
Overview of the incident

Goals and objectives of response

Analysis of outcomes

Analysis of performance

Summary

Recommendations

After Action Report

- Overview of the incident
- Goals and objectives of response
- Analysis of outcomes
- Analysis of performance
- Summary
- Recommendations
THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

Learning ICS
- Train all employees
- Practice
- Use it for minor responses
- Use it to plan a major event

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QUESTIONS?
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