ICS 100

A Quick Guide of What you Need to Know

1 Of 2 required MRC Trainings

What is the Incident Command System?

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized approach that:

- Is part of the broader National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Is applicable to all types of incidents, regardless of size, cause, or complexity
- Can be used either for emergencies or planned events
- Enables a coordinated response among various jurisdictions and agencies
- Establishes common processes for incident-level planning and resource management
- Allows for integration of resources (such as facilities, equipment, personnel) in a common structure
- Applies to everyone in an emergency response (including volunteers)

Why is ICS important to know about?

Having a better understanding of the ICS structure and process helps different agencies work together in unprecedented ways at times of emergency

- Fosters new cooperation and collaboration
- Clarifies the chain of command and supervision responsibilities
- Improves accountability
- Provides an orderly, systematic planning process with standardized concepts and terminology
- Implements a common, flexible, predesigned management structure
- Helps diverse agencies and people who may be unaccustomed to working together in high pressure environments to engage in safe and effective response

How is ICS training accessed?

- FEMA maintains diverse levels of ICS trainings online and in-person. See more at https://training.fema.gov/nims/
- Training requires creation of a FEMA ID, as found at https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID
- After taking the online course for ICS 100 at https://emilms.fema.gov/is_0100c/curriculum/1.html, there is multiple choice exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, you will be emailed a certificate

For purposes of GO Health VALOR MRC application and training, please email completed certificates to:

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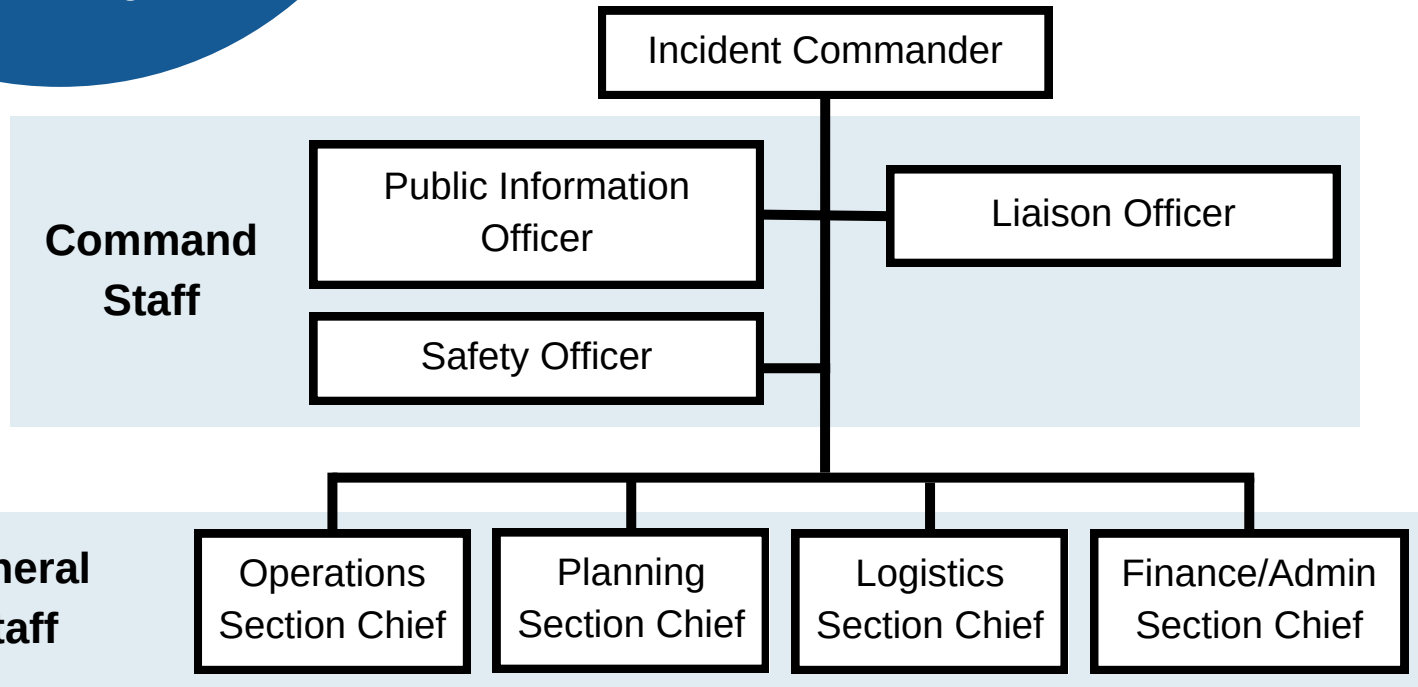
Or see more information at: https://gohealthny.org/phep

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To take the official training for ICS 100, visit: https://bit.ly/3KVypLv

ICS Structure

Incident Commander

Command Staff
- Public Information Officer
- Liaison Officer
- Safety Officer

General Staff
- Operations Section Chief
- Planning Section Chief
- Logistics Section Chief
- Finance/Admin Section Chief

ICS Positions and Sections:

Incident Commander: Has overall responsibility for the incident, sets priorities, and determines incident objectives and strategies. Also determines the ICS organization needed to manage the incident.

Public Information Officer: Communicates information to the public.

Safety Officer: Ensures safety of community members, volunteers, and responders.

Liaison Officer: Acts as the point of contact for agency representatives, maintains a list of assisting and cooperating agencies and representatives, and assists in setting up and coordinating interagency contacts.

Operations Section Chief: Develops tactical organization and directs resources for incident response.

Planning Section Chief: Develops Incident Action Plan to accomplish the objectives.

Logistics Section Chief: Provides resources and services needed to support the incident.

Finance/Admin Section Chief: Monitors incident-related costs and provides overall fiscal guidance.

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