Handout 5-3: ICS Form Descriptions

ICS uses a series of standard forms and supporting documents that convey directions for the accomplishment of the objectives and distributing information. Listed below are the standard ICS form titles and descriptions of each form:

- Incident Briefing ICS Form 201: Provides the Incident Commander (and the Command and General Staffs) with basic information regarding the incident situation and the resources allocated to the incident. In addition to a briefing document, the ICS Form 201 also serves as an initial action worksheet. It serves as a permanent record of the initial response to the incident.

- Incident Objectives ICS Form 202: Describes the basic incident strategy, incident objectives, command emphasis/priorities, and safety considerations for use during the next operational period.

- Organization Assignment List ICS Form 203: Provides ICS personnel with information on the units that are currently activated and the names of personnel staffing each position/unit. It is used to complete the Incident Organization Chart (ICS Form 207) which is posted on the Incident Command Post display. An actual organization will be incident or event-specific. Not all positions need to be filled. Some blocks may contain more than one name. The size of the organization is dependent on the magnitude of the incident, and can be expanded or contracted as necessary.

- Assignment List ICS Form 204: Informs Division and Group supervisors of incident assignments. Once the Command and General Staffs agree to the assignments, the assignment information is given to the appropriate Divisions and Groups.

- Incident Radio Communications Plan ICS Form 205: Provides information on all radio frequency or trunked radio system talkgroup assignments for each operational period. The plan is a summary of information obtained about available radio frequencies or talkgroups and the assignments of those resources by the Communications Unit Leader for use by incident responders. Information from the Incident Radio Communications Plan on frequency or talkgroup assignments is normally placed on the Assignment List (ICS Form 204).

- Communications List ICS Form 205A: Records methods of contact for incident personnel. While the Incident Radio Communications Plan (ICS Form 205) is used to provide information on all radio frequencies down to the Division/Group level, the ICS Form 205A indicates all methods of contact for personnel assigned to the incident (radio frequencies, phone numbers, pager numbers, etc.), and functions as an incident directory.

- Medical Plan ICS Form 206: Provides information on incident medical aid stations, transportation services, hospitals, and medical emergency procedures.

- Incident Organization Chart ICS Form 207: Provides a visual wall chart depicting the ICS organization position assignments for the incident. The ICS Form 207 is used to indicate what ICS organizational elements are currently activated and the names of personnel staffing each element. An actual organization will be event-specific. The size of the organization is dependent on the specifics and magnitude of the incident and is scalable and flexible. Personnel responsible for managing organizational positions are listed in each box as appropriate.

- Safety Message/Plan ICS Form 208: Outlines safety message(s), priorities, and key command emphasis/decisions/directions, safety hazards and specific precautions to be observed during this Operational Period.

- Incident Status Summary ICS Form 209: Summarizes incident information for staff members and external parties, and provides information to the Public Information Officer for preparation of media releases. The ICS Form 209 is designed to provide a "snapshot in time" to effectively move incident decision support information where it is needed. It should contain the most accurate and up-to-date information available at the time it is prepared.

- Resource Status Change ICS Form 210: Used by the Incident Communications Center Manager to record status change information received on resources assigned to the incident. This information could be transmitted with a General Message (ICS Form 213). The form could also be used by Operations as a worksheet to track entry, etc.

- Incident Check-In List ICS Form 211: Personnel and equipment arriving at the incident can check in at various incident locations. Check-in consists of reporting specific information, which is recorded on the Check-In List (ICS Form 211). The ICS Form 211 serves several purposes, as it: (1) records arrival times at the incident of all overhead personnel and equipment, (2) records the initial location of personnel and equipment to facilitate subsequent assignments, and (3) supports demobilization by recording the home base, method of travel, etc., for resources checked in.

- General Message ICS Form 213: Used by the incident dispatchers to record incoming messages that cannot be orally transmitted to the intended recipients. The ICS Form 213 is also used by the Incident Command Post and other incident personnel to transmit messages (e.g., resource order, incident name change, other ICS coordination issues, etc.) to the Incident Communications Center for transmission via radio or telephone to the addressee. This form is used to send any message or notification to incident personnel that requires hard-copy delivery.

- Activity Log ICS Form 214: Records details of notable activities at any ICS level, including single resources, equipment, Task Forces, etc. These logs provide basic incident activity documentation, and a reference for any After Action Report.

- Operational Planning Worksheet ICS Form 215: Communicates the decisions made by the Operations Section Chief during the Tactics Meeting concerning resource assignments and needs for the next operational period. The ICS Form 215 is used by the Resources Unit to complete the Assignment Lists (ICS Form 204) and by the Logistics Section Chief for ordering resources for the incident.

- Incident Action Plan Safety Analysis ICS Form 215A: Aids the Safety Officer in completing an operational risk assessment to prioritize hazards, safety, and health issues, and to develop appropriate controls. This worksheet addresses communications challenges between planning and operations, and is best utilized in the planning phase and for Operations Section briefings.

- Support Vehicle/Equipment Inventory ICS Form 218: Provides an inventory of all transportation and support vehicles and equipment assigned to the incident. The information is used by the Ground Support Unit to maintain a record of the types and locations of vehicles and equipment on the incident. The Resources Unit uses the information to initiate and maintain status/resource information

- Air Operations Summary ICS Form 220: Provides the Air Operations Branch with the number, type, location, and specific assignments of helicopters and air resources.

- Demobilization Check-Out ICS Form 221: Ensures that resources checking out of the incident have completed all appropriate incident business, and provides the Planning Section information on resources released from the incident. Demobilization is a planned process and this form assists with that planning.

Component	Normally Prepared By ICS
Incident Command	Incident Commander
Command Staff	Officer
Section	Deputy
Branch	Director
Divisions/Groups	Supervisors
Unit	Unit Leader
Strike Team/Task Force	Leader
Single Resource	Boss, Leader
Technical Specialist	Specialist

Other Potential Components (Incident Dependent)	Normally Prepared By ICS
Air Operations Summary	Air Operations
Traffic Plan	Ground Support Unit
Decontamination Plan	Technical Specialist
Waste Management or Disposal Plan	Technical Specialist
Demobilization/Deactivation Plan	Demobilization Unit
Site Security Plan	Law Enforcement, Technical Specialist, or Security Manager
Investigative Plan	Intelligence/Investigations Function
Evacuation Plan	As needed
Meeting Schedule (ICS Form 230)	Situation Unit
Sheltering/Mass Care Plan	As needed
Other (as needed)	As needed