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Incident Command System Situation Unit Leader (SUL)

Overview

User The user of this job aid will be anyone who is assigned as Situation Unit Leader within the Incident Command System. Personnel assigned to this position should be E-6 or above in the organization and possess incident-specific background. That background will aid them in determining all the potential sources of information available in setting up and maintaining the situation status boards. This recommendation is made with the presumption that the Planning Section Chief is experienced and available to answer questions and provide assistance.

When to Use This job aid should be used to assist the Situation Unit Leader whenever an incident has occurred that requires the Incident Command System Organization to respond.

Major Accomplishments Below is a list of the major accomplishments:

- Current Status Board
 - Recommendations to Planning Section Chief on resourcing
 - Status reports to Planning Section Chief
 - Field observations
 - Section/Unit demobilized
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References Below is a list of references that may be required while using of this job aid:

- NIIMS I-346 Situation Unit Leader Guide
 - NFES Situation Unit Leader Position Manual (ICS 221-2)
 - NFES Situation Unit Leader Task Book (NFES 2333)
 - Field Operations Guide (ICS-OS-420-1)
 - National SAR Manual
 - Applicable Area Contingency Plan
 - Maritime Law Enforcement Manual
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Materials

Ensure that these materials are available to the Situation Unit Leader during an incident, if not already provided in a unit or section specific support kit. Submit order request for supplies to Supply Unit Leader via the Planning Section Chief.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Operations Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> White out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Charts and Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks (some waterproof) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICS Forms Catalog | <input type="checkbox"/> Masking tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip charts | <input type="checkbox"/> In boxes or large envelopes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mylar sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felt tip pens | <input type="checkbox"/> Push pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry erase markers (wide and thin line) | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or 6 part folders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils (lead and grease) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 hole punch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper, sticky notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors |

General Information

Use clear text and ICS terminology (no codes) in all radio transmissions.

All radio communications to Incident Communications Center will be addressed “(Incident Name) Communications”.

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Initial Actions

General Tasks

Below are the initial actions to be taken by the Situation Unit Leader (SUL).

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	Receive assignment	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Upon arrival at the incident, check-in at designated check-in locations. Check-in locations may be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Command Post • Base 	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Obtain an initial brief from Planning Section Chief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size and Complexity of incident • Expectations of the IC • Incident objectives • Agencies/Organizations/stakeholders involved • Incident activities/situation • Special concerns 	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Review ICS 201 or IAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Begin/maintain Unit Activity Log (ICS 214)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Establish work location within the ICP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate space for possible expansion • Located in the Planning Section between the Resources Unit and the Operations Section • Establish a system for receiving information/updates <i>For example: inboxes, envelopes, easel chart</i> • Capability for displays to be placed on walls (maps, charts, forms, etc.) 	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Initial Actions (Cont'd)

General Tasks (Cont'd)

The initial actions for the Situation Unit Leader are continued below.

STEP	ACTION	✓
7.	Acquire work materials listed on page 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Calculate staffing requirements for Situation Unit Determine number of field observers needed NOTE: Normally (1) per division Determine number of displays and display processors needed Determine technical specialists needed <i>Example: Trajectory Analysis Specialist, Geographic Information Specialist (GIS), Resources At Risk Specialist (RAR)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Submit resource order form/request for personnel and/or equipment required to PSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Brief Situation Unit Staff on responsibilities as noted in FOG (Section 6) NOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief field observers to only report current status to display processor • Ensure display processor only displays current status “proofed” by field observers • Do NOT allow anyone else to remove or add to displays! • Set up specific times for field observers to check in with updates and for briefings by display processors 	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Complete forms and reports required of the assigned position and send through PSC to Documentation Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Current Status Board (Cont'd)

Set Up System

The Situation Unit Leader is responsible for maintaining a standard display of information for reference by ICP Personnel.

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	Setup display similar to the example below	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Establish INBOX/OUTBOX area near displays for: INBOX: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trajectories/maps/charts/photos • Updates • Other OUTBOX: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation (historical data) NOTE: Pass Situation Unit information gathering and processing procedures to all hands at meetings and briefings	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Create and distribute maps and charts for all personnel NOTE: IO will need extra copies for media and public releases along with summary information from the ICS 209.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Story Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial notification • Weather/tides • POLREPs/SITREPS 	Charts/Maps Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact area • Trajectories • Divisional boundaries • Functional groups • SAR Search plan/grid • Safety/Security Zones • ICS Facilities 	Medical Plan ICS 206	Meeting Schedule ICS 230 or OS-230
		Organizational Chart ICS 207	
		COMMS Plan ICS 217	Incident Summary ICS 209 or OS-209
Response Objectives ICS 202			
Res. at Risk ICS 232 or OS-232			

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Prepare for Meetings In order to prepare for the Tactics and planning meetings, the SUL takes the following actions:

STEP	ACTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>												
1.	Update maps/charts/trajectory	<input type="checkbox"/>												
2.	Update status boards	<input type="checkbox"/>												
3.	Complete or update the following forms in accordance with the instructions in the ICS Forms Catalog	<input type="checkbox"/>												
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4.	Compile information regarding incident <i>Example: trajectory, current and future status of incident</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>												

Provide IAP Input The situation Unit Leader is responsible for providing to the Planning Section Chief summary information about the incident status.

STEP	ACTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.	Provide input for incident action plan (IAP) to Planning Section Chief (PSC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed forms Current/future trajectories or search plans Resources needed for Situation Unit in next operational period 	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Evaluate and review process	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Field Operations

Preparation of Subordinates

Below is a checklist for preparing subordinates prior to deploying in the field.

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	<p>Brief Field Observers and Technical Specialists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify resources - Verify trajectories/Search plans - Verify division boundaries - Verify status of incident/event • Operation period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct survey by a particular time - Report back periodically <p><i>Example: Every ½ hour, hour</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<p>Checkout the following equipment/resources from Resources Unit or Logistics Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation <i>Example: Auto, ATV, boat, aircraft</i> • Communications equipment <i>Example: Radio, cell phone, fax</i> • Camera • Laptop Computer • Handheld GPS • Charts/maps • Notepad/writing utensils 	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Section/Unit Demobilized

Demobilization Tasks Below are demobilization responsibilities applicable to all personnel assigned to this section/unit.

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	Receive Demobilization Plan from Demobilization Unit Leader/Planning Section Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Brief subordinates regarding demobilization	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Supervise demobilization of unit, including storage of supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Provide Supply Unit Leader with a list of supplies to be replenished	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Forward all Section/Unit documentation to Documentation Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Complete Check-out Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Information Exchange Matrix

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Inputs/Outputs

Below is an input/output matrix to assist the Situation Unit Leader with obtaining information from other ICS positions and providing information to other ICS positions.

MEET With	WHEN	SUL OBTAINS	SUL PROVIDES
Incident Commander	Initial incident brief	Incident objectives	Incident status information
Planning Section Chief	Check-in brief Tactics meeting Planning meeting	Initial briefing Objectives (ICS 202)	Requests for more personnel and resources. Incident status summary (ICS 209) Current and Future projections for incident/event
Operations Section Chief	Tactics meeting Planning meeting	Incident situation status during initial phase and throughout entire incident Staging area info Information for displays	The big picture Future projections for incident
Information Officer	Press briefings		Information Maps/charts
Situation Unit Personnel	Tactics meeting Throughout incident	Information from field observers/tech specilists Display processors Weather observations	Situation status reports passed by incident personnel to the situation unit
Ground Support Unit	Throughout incident	Vehicles for unit personnel	Vehicle/equipment locations "proofed" by field observers
All Incident Personnel	Throughout incident		Accurate and effective situation display and distribution of charts/maps for all to view