



Characteristics of the Incident Command System: Part 5

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Learning Objective: The student will understand the Logistics Section Chief's (LSC's) responsibilities.

The LSC, a member of the General Staff, is responsible for providing facilities, services and materials in support of the incident. The LSC participates in development and implementation of the Incident Action Plan (IAP), activates and supervises assigned Branches/Units, and is responsible for the safety and welfare of Logistics Section personnel.

Current information is needed to understand the current situation, predict for the probable needs of the incident, and prepare for ordering, storing and deploying supplies and equipment.

- Plan organization of Logistics Section.
- Assign work locations and preliminary work tasks to Section personnel.
- Notify Resources Unit of Logistics Section Units that are activated, including names and locations of assigned personnel.
- Assemble and brief Branch Directors and Unit Leaders.
- Participate in preparation of IAP.
- Identify service and support requirements for planned and expected operations.
- Provide input to and review Communications Plan, Medical Plan and Traffic Plan.
- Coordinate and process requests for additional resources.
- Review IAP and estimate Section needs for next operational period.
- Advise on current service and support capabilities.
- Prepare service and support elements of the IAP.
- Estimate future service and support requirements.
- Receive Demobilization Plan from Planning Section.
- Recommend release of unit resources in conformity with Demobilization Plan.
- Ensure general welfare and safety of Logistics Section personnel.
- Maintain Unit/Activity Log (Incident Command System Form 214).

For additional information regarding the LSC's responsibilities, the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Field Operations Guide can be accessed at <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/materials/TRADE%20CD%20XVI//WebHelp/index.htm>.