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ICS is Here to Stay

Question: What organizational system is more than 30 years old, but just within the last few years became the "wave of the future?"

Answer: The Incident Command System.

The Incident Command System, or ICS for short, was developed in the 1970s by the organizations fighting wild fires in the west because they had no standardized organizational structure or way to communicate with each other. Well, that's a problem that has plagued *every* professional and volunteer organization that has ever responded to an emergency: police and fire departments, EMS, the Federal Government, and, yes, even the Civil Air Patrol.

Police and fire departments across the country finally came to the conclusion in the late 80's and early 90's that they had to do *something* about those same problems. And instead of reinventing the wheel, they decided to go with something that was proven: ICS. What's more, the federal government followed up a few years later, first mandating that ICS be utilized in all HAZMAT incidents and then, in the wake of 9/11, mandating that *all* first responders and disaster relief agencies adopt ICS. And that includes us.

Some folks out there—and not just in CAP—think that ICS is just a fad, that'll fall by the wayside and they can just keep doing things the "old fashioned way." Well guess what? ICS isn't going away. It's here to stay. And fully adopting and embracing the Incident Command System is the *only* way that we're going to stay involved at *any* level—local, state or national.

ICS Training a Requirement

You've all heard about the Incident Command System by now, and if you have gotten your 101 card, you've already gotten a taste of that—half of the test covered ICS, and by passing the test you've been certified as completing ICS-100 training.

But, did you know that if you hold any Mission Base Staff ratings, you need to complete additional ICS training?

Every Mission Base Staff rating (like Mission Staff Assistant [MSA], Ground

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Have you completed ICS-200 training yet?

If not, you can complete it online for free

Branch Director [GBD], Operations Section Chief [OSC], etc.) has a requirement to complete "NIIMS G193 or Equivalent." For those of you who had no idea what that means, don't worry—that's just National HQ's way of saying that you need to complete ICS-200 training. Even if you already have the rating (if you were "grandfathered in"), you do still have to complete ICS-200. If you don't, sooner or later, your rating will disappear. At least until you finish ICS-200.

The good news is that you have a couple of different potential ways to fulfill this requirement. If you have a computer and an internet connection (and if you're reading this newsletter, you already have both), you can complete this on-line. FEMA has very conveniently set up the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Independent Study website with a whole host of different courses available to be taken on-line *for free*. All you have to do is sign up, take the course—and for this one, you have the option of on-line training or downloading the training materials and going over them at your own pace—and complete the test (you do have to take the test on-line). Better yet, it's an *open book test*. Once you take and pass the test, FEMA will send you a completion certificate in the mail.

Alternately, you can take a class. Wisconsin Emergency Management has been putting ICS classes on across the state for the past few years, and these classes are open to us! You do have to fill out an application form, sending it through your county Emergency Management director, but these courses are again *free* (though food and travel arrangements are still up to you). Wisconsin Wing will also be providing that training to you in November at the DMA in Madison (11-12 November). Just keep watching the announcements for more info on that.

Note: Once you complete the training, you must have your unit commander or ES officer input this training into WMU and keep a copy of the course completion certificate within your personnel file.

You can find FEMA's EMI courses at (Look for IS-200):

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

And the training courses offered by Wisconsin Emergency Management at (Look for the Exercise & Training link):

<http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>

As a reference, the following specialties all require completion of ICS-200 training. So if you have one (or more) of these listed on your 101 Card and you *haven't* completed ICS-200 yet, it's time to get started, before it's too late!

Agency Liaison (AL)	Liaison Officer (LO)
Air Ops Branch Director (AOBD)	Logistics Section Chief (LSC)
Communications Unit Leader (CUL)	Mission Chaplain (MC)
Finance/Admin Section Chief (FASC)	Mission Staff Assistant (MSA)
Ground Branch Director (GBD)	Mission Safety Officer (MSO)
Incident Commander (IC)	Operations Section Chief (OSC)
Information Officer (IO)	Planning Section Chief (PSC)

We'll talk more about ICS training in future issues, so keep a look out.

New Mission Documentation Procedures

Incident Commanders and Agency Liaisons, beware! Wisconsin Wing is implementing new procedures for mission documentation.

Why? Frankly, because we've had some serious issues in the past. We have file cabinets full of incomplete mission paperwork, we have paperwork coming in late, and we're making poor Terry Norby pull his hair out. We cleared up a lot of our problems before the Compliance Inspection earlier this year, but not everything. And we need to do better. We are *A WING OF EXCELLENCE*, after all!

Wisconsin Wing is publishing a new form and an operating instruction to help you mission managers out there complete your paperwork. ICSF 115-WIWG is a cover page for each day's paperwork; it replaces the CAPF 115, providing ICs/ALs a checklist for all required daily documentation as well as spaces for daily statistics—information that you will end up pulling from the CAPF 122 and the personnel/vehicle registration forms.

WIWGOI 60-301 describes just how to put your mission paperwork package together. At the back of the OI is a complete checklist of every bit of paperwork that you need to include, highlighting the documentation that *must* be included with *every* mission.

Oh, and by the way, you have 14 days to send the mission paperwork to Terry Norby in Madison.

Mission paperwork must be submitted to WIWG HQ in Madison within 14 days of the mission close

Another Glass Cockpit

Earlier this year, Colonel Don Haffner found out that Wisconsin Wing will be receiving a second "Glass Cockpit" Cessna 182T. This is due entirely to our entire wing's *OUTSTANDING* aircraft utilization rate, training efforts and safety record. Everyone should be proud that National HQ recognized Wisconsin for this honor!

This new aircraft will be assigned to the Milwaukee 10th Senior Support Squadron, based at Timmerman Field. When that happens, we'll have yet another aircraft shuffle. N4742N, the C-182Q currently assigned to that unit, will become available for assignment to another unit. Units interested in joining the "182 club" should contact Major Jeff Thompson (jthomp@netnet.net) with their intentions and justifications ASAP.

And just a final thought... Wisconsin flew almost 3,300 hours on its assigned aircraft in fiscal year 2006. That's an average of 239 hours per aircraft—not only in excess of the required 200 hours per airframe, that makes us the number 7 wing in the entire nation for aircraft utilization, and number 2 in Great Lakes Region (only behind Kentucky). Of the "big" wings—those with more than 10 aircraft—we're *number 2* (only behind Florida)!

That's absolutely *Outstanding*, Wisconsin!



