

Situation Unit Leader Position Checklist

The following checklist should be considered as the minimum requirements for this position. Note that some of the tasks are one-time actions; others are ongoing or repetitive for the duration of the incident.



Task

1. Obtain briefing from Planning Section Chief.

- Review ICS Form 201 for incident status.
- Determine incident objectives and strategy.
- Determine necessary contingency plans.
- Identify reporting requirements and schedules-both internal and external to the incident.

2. Organize and staff Unit, as appropriate:

- Assign Field Observers.
- Request Technical Specialists, as needed.

3. Supervise Technical Specialists as assigned (on very complex incidents, it may be necessary to assign a supervisor to oversee Technical Specialists):

- Brief Technical Specialists on current incident status.
- Assign analysis tasks.
- Notify staff of time lines and format requirements.
- Monitor progress.

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4. Compile, maintain and display incident status information for Incident Command Post (ICP) staff:

- Sort data into required categories of information (i.e. geographic area, population, facilities, environmental values at risk, location of facilities, etc.).
- Determine appropriate map displays.
- Review all data for completeness, accuracy, and relevancy prior to posting.
- Plot incident boundaries, location of perimeters, facilities, access routes, etc. on display maps in Planning area.
- Develop additional displays (weather reports, incident status summaries, etc.), as necessary.
- Ensure displays and maps are kept up to date.

5. Provide photographic services and maps:

- Photographic services may be used to document operations and intelligence activities, public information activities, and accident investigations.
- Issue disposable or digital cameras to Field Observers and Operations personnel as appropriate.
- Ensure photographs are processed at the end of each operational period.
- Request or develop additional and specialized maps as required.
- Provide Incident Map(s) for Incident Action Plan (IAP).

6. Provide situation evaluation, prediction and analysis for Command and Operations; prepare information on alternative strategies:

- Review current and projected incident and resource status.
- Develop alternative strategies.
- Identify resources required to implement contingency plan.
- Document alternatives for presentation to Incident Commander and Operations and inclusion in the written IAP, using the ICS Form 204, Contingency Plan.

7. Interview Operations personnel coming off duty to determine effectiveness of strategy and tactics, work accomplished and left to be accomplished.

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8. Request weather forecasts and spot weather forecasts, as necessary, directly from the National Weather Service.

9. Prepare Incident Status Summary (ICS Form 209) and other status reports, as assigned prior to each Planning Meeting:

- Provide copies to Command and General Staff.
- Forward to agency administrator and to other entities, as directed.

10. Participate in Planning Meetings, as required.

11. Prepare predictions at periodic intervals, or upon request of the Planning Section Chief. Notify Command and General Staff if unforeseen changes occur.

12. Provide briefing to relief on current and unusual situations.

13. Document all activity on Unit Log (ICS Form 214).