Lesson 6
Incident Command System (ICS)

• Standardized, on-scene, all-hazards incident management concept. (CA wildfires).

• Allows users to adopt an organizational structure for handling an incident without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries

• Goals of ICS:
  – Maintaining safety of responders and others
  – Achievement of tactical objectives
  – Efficient use of resources
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- The National Incident Management System (NIMS) requires the use of the ICS at traffic incident management scenes.

- A traffic incident is an emergency road user occurrence, a natural disaster, or other unplanned event that affects or impedes the normal flow of traffic.
• **IS 700** – NIMS, An Introduction

• **ICS 100** – Introduction to ICS

• **ICS 200** – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

As illustrated below, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program identifies those courses critical to train personnel capable of implementing all functions of emergency management. This program establishes the NIMS core curriculum to ensure it adequately trains emergency and incident response personnel to all concepts and principles of each NIMS component. [Click on this link to access the NIMS Training Program document.](#)
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Command Structures

Single Command

• Incident Commander has complete responsibility for incident management

Unified Command

• Utilized when incidents require multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency response

• Allows all agencies to:
  – Work together without affecting authority, responsibility or accountability
  – Manage an incident together by establishing a common set of incident objectives and strategies
Unified Command must work together to implement an Incident Action Plan.
ICS for Initial Response

Incident Commander
Adam 14
City Police Officer Command

Engine 57
County FD Capt
Fire and Rescue

Ambulance 51
Vol Rescue EMT
EMS

Service Patrol 42
State DOT
Traffic Control
Incident Command Post (ICP)

- The field location at which the primary tactical-level, on-scene incident command functions are performed

Staging Area

- Location established where resources can be placed while awaiting a tactical assignment
1. Describe the requirements for establishing and participating in ICS

2. Describe when it is appropriate to implement Unified Command

3. Identify the need for and use of staging areas
• End of Shift…. Let’s all go home!

• Communication

• Cooperation

• Coordination

• Questions?