

The Next Five Hours

Neighborhood Disaster Response March 3, 2022

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First, yourself and your family (The First 3 Hours)

- Personal & family safety
- Long-term sustainability (7 days)

Then, your neighborhood (The Next 5 Hours)

- Emergency Assembly Points
- Reconnaissance and response teams

Throughout: Observe – Orient yourself – Decide – Act

Coordinate long-term neighbor post disaster survival

Review of "The First Three Hours"



- Steps from "The First Three Hours for a Neighborhood" Handout
- And then perform the activities in

"The Next Five Hours"

Step 1: Report to Your EAP

Marcussen Emergency Response Training

- The Emergency Assembly Point (EAP) is the neighborhood hub of response activity
- Grab your Go Bag, put on your helmet & vest
- If you do not have a Go Bag (provided in your MPFPD at CERT training), then report with sustaining personal gear (Bug Out Bag if your home site is not sustainable)
- Note neighborhood conditions on your way





Step 2: Assemble at Your EAP



- Establish or join EAP activity
- First to arrive is the Incident Coordinator (IC)

Step 3: Assign a Scribe

- Notebook & pen
- Scribe stays in role for the duration



What does the Scribe write down?



- Weather conditions
- Households
- Injuries
- Damage
- Fire
- Toxic materials
- Road obstructions
- Any other life-safety issues



Step 4: Set Up Your EAP



Depending on situation:

- Tables & chairs
- Scribing tools
- Lighting
- Canopies
- Staging areas





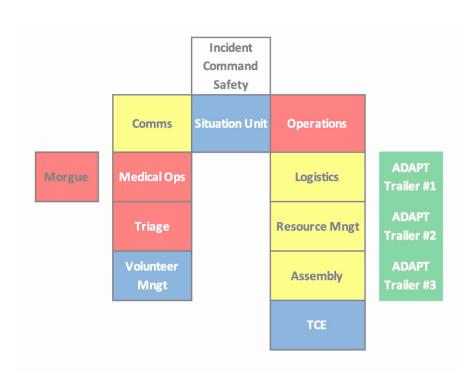
What does your EAP/ICP prepare for?

- Assembly at EAP and designation of ICP leadership (IC, Communications, Operations, Medical Operations, Logistics, Shelter Operations, Team Leaders)
- ICP briefings
- Reconnaissance
- Medical Operations and Field Medical Teams Area
- Rapid Response Operations Area and Field Teams (Fire, Search and/or Rescue. Debris Clearing, Critter Control)
- Logistics Area
- Child Care Area
- Elder Care Area
- Sheltering Area
- Pet Care Area

What will your EAP and ICP look like?



- Will a horseshoe layout work in your neighborhood?
- If not, adapt.
- Design your neighborhood's EAP layout in advance of a disaster



Step 5: Organize Teams and Leads



Incident Commander (IC)

Communications

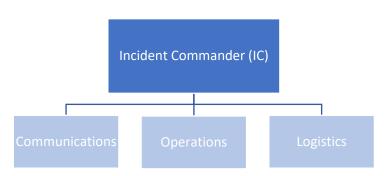
Operations (Field activity)

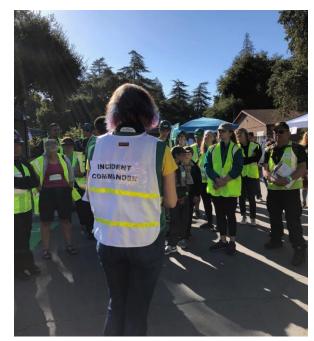
Logistics (EAP activity and Equipment)

What does the Incident Commander do?



- Oversees all field operations
- Oversees the neighborhood response and conducts regular ICP Briefings
- Checks on volunteers
 - Health & welfare checks (HWCs) hourly
 - Schedules shifts
 - Safety and PPE checks
- Yields when necessary

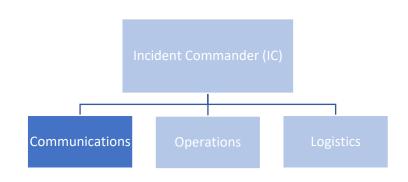




Step 6: Set Up Communications



- Create a radio network with radio operators, scribe & runners
- AM/FM, FRS/GMRS, ham, CB, scanner, cellphones
- Establish communications with the outside world
- Radio network is needed for Step 7

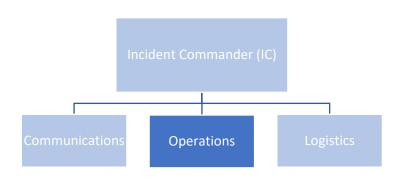




Step 7: Perform Reconnaissance and Rapid Neighborhood Assessment



- 3-person Recon Teams (part of Operations)
- Note where help is needed, return quickly
 - For life-threatening issues, REPORT IMMEDIATELY via radio
 - For non-immediate issues, RECORD & SUBMIT to EAP
- While Recon is underway, Steps 8 and 9 are taking place

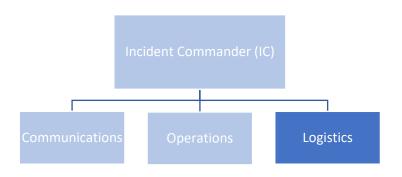




Step 8: Set Up Traffic/Crowd Control and Security



- 2-person teams (part of Logistics)
- Flashlights & vests
- Identify all members of our Marcussen community (for safety reasons)
- Ensure that the active members at the EAP are safe and secure
- Monitor member as they leave or enter the EAP (for safety reasons)

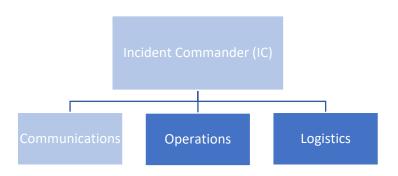




Step 9: Prepare Medical and Shelter Areas



- Medical unit (injuries, medications, response)
- Sign-in/resource management
- Security (6-hour shifts)
- Shelter cover (canopies, tents, tarps, blankets)
- Water & food
- Child & pet care
- Hygiene & sanitation
- Power & lighting

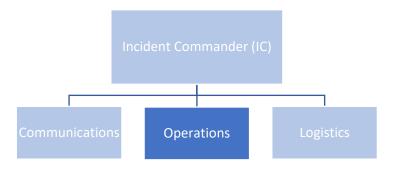




Step 10: Deploy Response Teams



- As resources and conditions allow, respond to Reconnaissance reports
- Operations Medical Field Teams
 - Triage & Transport
- Operations Rapid Response Teams
 - Light Search & Rescue (remember your CERT training)
 - Search & Recovery (lost individuals)
 - Firefighting
 - Obstacle Clearing
- Safety first





Reminders



- Stay hydrated while on duty
- Watch for low blood sugar, exhaustion, stress
- Check in regularly with your family
- Relief cycles, transition meetings between shifts
- Hydrate, eat, rest while off-shift

Wrap-Up



- Thank you for participating!
- Handouts are online: <u>www.getreadyatherton.org/resource-library</u>
- Sign up for emergency alerts: <u>www.smcalert.org</u>
- Next Advanced Training:
 Tue May 18 & Thu May 27

