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Incident Command

At any fire call, one increasingly critical component of a properly functioning unit is the presence of an incident commander. The person in charge of an incident calls the shots that keep the operation running like a well-oiled machine.

Incident command requires the juggling of various tasks: from evaluating a fire scene, to maintaining and coordinating communications with everyone present, and developing strategy based on quickly changing factors. An incident commander carries the additional burden of responsibility for the success of each fire operation, and ultimately, the safety of each fire fighter on the scene.

So crucial is incident management that FEMA established

the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to "provide a common approach for managing incidents." Included as part of NIMS are standard management procedures known as the Incident Command System, or ICS.

Here in Texas, the commission requires incident command training for Fire Officer III (requires ICS-300) and Fire Officer IV (requires ICS-400). As of Feb. 26, 2015, the Head of Department certifications require ICS-100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800. For more information on requirements for all TCFP certifications, please check the "Additional Resources" section in the sidebar.

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Training Videos

COMMAND

AV14-2655 Date Acquired: 8/29/2014
Length: 41:00 Format: DVD
Author: FIRE ENGINEERING

In the Command DVD, Lt. Frank Ricci and Anthony Avillo, contributing editor for Fire Engineering, illustrate the perspective of command. They outline the need for planning to avoid issues, size-up to address problems on the fireground, as well as important tactical perspective, they then review the issues involved in a room-and-contents fire, an attic fire, and a basement fire. C2011

CALMING THE CHAOS: REAL WORLD ICS/RESIDENTIAL FIRES

AV14-2649 Date Acquired: 8/29/2014
Length: 72:00 Format: DVD
Author: FIRE ENGINEERING

Federal regulations require that the Incident Command System (ICS) is to be used by all fire departments in the United States. Unfortunately, many departments either fail to use it, or use it improperly. In his Mastering Fireground Command DVD series, Anthony Kastros captures the essential elements of commanding structure fires, including size-up, strategy and tactics, and the use of ICS. A combination of training footage, actual fire footage, simulations, and graphics are utilized in this DVD series to instill the proper use of ICS on the fireground. DVD #1 provides a real world application of ICS for the street and then focuses on the use of ICS during residential fire events.

CALMING THE CHAOS: MULTIPLE

FAMILY DWELLINGS/APARTMENTS

AV14-2650 Date Acquired: 8/29/2014
Length: 51:00 Format: DVD
Author: FIRE ENGINEERING

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FIRE COMMAND: INTRODUCTION

AV09-2353 Date Acquired: 10/21/09
Length: 30:00 Format: DVD
Author: ACROSS THE STREET

This introductory video in the 9 part Fire Command Series provides an overview of the fire command system and briefly introduces the topics covered in the other 8 videos in the series. It starts by discussing the major goals of the Fire Command System, then describes the role and importance of the Incident Commander and the components of the Fire Command System. The instructors for the course are introduced. The video finishes with an overview of the content

and format of the 8 Functions of Command videos. **First in the "Fire Command" Series.**

I.C.S. THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

AV09-2352 Date Acquired: 10/5/2009
Length: 24:27 Format: DVD
Author: EMERGENCY FILM GROUP

An Incident Command System can be set up at any incident, but is especially important when a situation occurs that is beyond the scope of a single response organization. In a complex response, a plan must be in place to organize and manage the resources that will be necessary to effectively handle the incident.

This program is designed for law enforcement, firefighters, emergency managers, emergency medical personnel, government agencies, the military, security, and facility management personnel who may respond to incident that require the use ICS.

INCIDENT LEADERSHIP

AV11-2527 Date Acquired: 8/2/2011
Length: 22:22 Format: DVD
Author: ACTION TRAINING

This is Part 5 in the Fire Officer I Series. The company fire officer must be prepared to assume a whole new set of duties and responsibilities at emergency incidents. You must assume command as first-arriving officer; make decisions, clearly communicate assignments under stress, and work within the incident command system to provide a safe and effective response to any emergency. C2006.

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