Comments on the 2010 ICS Forms

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General Comments

- The new 2010 ICS Forms in PDF format can be downloaded from `http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/JobAids.shtm`.
- The new 2010 ICS Forms in MS Word format can be downloaded from `http://www.SARAZ.ORG` under the *External Links* menu item.
- Forms with multiple pages, like the ICS 201 form, previously had boxes for the "Incident Name", "Date and Time Prepared', and "Prepared By"' on just the first page. The new forms have them at the top of every page. In the PDF versions of these forms, if these boxes are completed on the first page, the subsequent pages are automatically populated.
- The PDF documents can be completed electronically using Adobe Reader. However, a completed document can only be printed. It cannot be saved, which is a problem if the document is partially completed. This can be circumvented by downloading the program "PDF-XChange Lite"[1] from `http://www.tracker-software.com/free_lite_home.html`. Loading the ICS Forms into this allows the user to partially complete it, save it, and complete it at a later date.

ICS 201—Incident Briefing

- There is a new box 2 for the Incident Number.
- The old box 6, "Summary of Current Actions" has been replaced by three new boxes, "5. Situation Summary and Health and Safety Briefing", "7. Current and Planned Objectives" and "8. Current and Planned Actions, Strategies, and Tactics".
- The "Resource Summary" box has been modified slightly.

ICS 202—Incident Objectives

- The old boxes 5, 6, and 7, "GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES)", "WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD", and "GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE" have been replaced by "3. Objective(s)", "4. Operational Period Command Emphasis" and "General Situational Awareness", and "5. Site Safety Plan Required?".
- The old box 8, "Attachments", has been renamed "6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan)" and the number of checkboxes has been increased.

ICS 203—Organization Assignment List

- This form is largely unchanged, but it has been reformatted.

ICS 204—Field Assignment

- The old box 6, "RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO THIS PERIOD" has been modified slightly as new box "5. Resources Assigned".

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[1] At present this program is free to home or academic users.

- The old box 7, "CONTROL OPERATIONS", has been renamed "Work Assignments".
- The old box 9, "DIVISION/GROUP COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY" has been modified slightly as new box "8. Communications (radio and/or phone contact numbers needed for this assignment)".

ICS 205—Incident Communications Plan

- The old box 4, "Basic Radio Channel Utilization", has been modified considerably as the new box "4. Basic Radio Channel Use".

ICS 205A—Communications List

- This is a new form entitled "COMMUNICATIONS LIST". It records methods of contact for incident personnel. While the Incident Radio Communications Plan (ICS 205) is used to provide information on all radio frequencies down to the Division/Group level, the ICS 205A indicates all methods of contact for personnel assigned to the incident (radio frequencies, phone numbers, pager numbers, etc.), and functions as an incident directory.

ICS 206—Medical Plan

- This form is largely unchanged, but it has been reformatted.

ICS 207—Incident Organization Chart

- This form has been reformatted, and the branches under the Operation Section Chief are blank in the new form.

ICS 208—Safety Message/Plan

- This form is completely different from many of the different earlier ICS 208 forms.

ICS 209—Incident Status Summary

- This form has been completely revised and more details are required. The old form was one page long—the new four.

ICS 210—Resource Status Change

- This form is completely different from many of the different earlier ICS 210 forms.

ICS 211—Check-In List

- This form is largely unchanged, but the old columns 9 and 10, "Manifest" and "Crew or Individual's Weight" have been removed.

ICS 213—General Message

- This form is unchanged, but it has been reformatted.

ICS 214—Activity Log (previously Unit Log)

- This form is largely unchanged, but it has been renamed from "Unit Log" to "Activity Log".

ICS 215—Operational Planning Worksheet

- This form has been reformatted and expanded slightly.

ICS 215A—Incident Action Plan Safety Analysis

- This form has been reformatted and changed slightly.

ICS 218—Support Vehicle/Equipment Inventory

- This form has been reformatted, and the row "Vehicle Category" on the old form has been removed.
- The column headings under "Vehicle/Equipment Information" have been changed, and three extra columns added ("Category/Kind/Type, Capacity, or Size", "Vehicle or Equipment Features", and "Operator Name or Contact").

ICS 220—Air Operations Summary

- This form has been redesigned and expanded, now requiring much more information including "3. Sunrise: Sunset:", "5. Ready Alert Aircraft: Medivac: New Incident:", and "6. Temporary Flight Restriction Number: Altitude: Center Point:".

ICS 221—Demobilization Check-Out

- This form has been redesigned and expanded, now requiring more information including "8. Travel Information: and "9. Reassignment Information:".

ICS 225—Incident Personnel Performance Rating/ICS 226—Individual Performance Rating

- The new ICS 225 appears to replace the old ICS 226, and has been completely redesigned.