

MODULE 4

INCIDENT FACILITIES

MODULE OVERVIEW

- Incident Command Post
- Camps
- Staging Areas
- Helibase
- Helispot

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

- **First priority are the needs of the incident**
- **Length of time the facility will be used**
- **Cost to establish the facility**
- **Environmental considerations**

INCIDENT COMMAND POST

- Location where primary command functions are performed
- Only one per incident
- May be located with other facilities
- Normally not relocated



INCIDENT COMMAND POST



EXPANDED ICP MAY BE REQUIRED FOR

- **Multiple agencies operating under a Unified Command**
- **Long-term incidents**
- **Incidents requiring an on-scene communications center**

INCIDENT COMMAND POST CHARACTERISTICS

- There is only one ICP per incident, even if the incident is multi-jurisdictional
- The communications center is often located with the ICP
- The Incident Commander will be at the ICP

INCIDENT COMMAND POST CHARACTERISTICS

- The ICP and Incident Base may be collocated
- Must be large enough to accommodate all aspects of the operation
- Is normally not relocated

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AN INCIDENT COMMAND POST

- **Position away from the general noise and confusion associated with the incident**
- **Position outside of the present and potential hazard zone**

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AN INCIDENT COMMAND POST

- Position within view of the incident (when appropriate)
- Have the ability to expand as the incident grows
- Have the ability to provide security and to control access to the ICP as necessary

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AN INCIDENT COMMAND POST

- **Identify location with distinctive banner or sign**
- **Announce ICP activation and location via radio or other communication so all appropriate personnel are notified**

STAGING AREA DESCRIPTION

- **Temporary locations for resources awaiting assignments**
- **Incidents may have several Staging Areas**
- **Resources on a 3-minute available status**

STAGING AREA DESCRIPTION

- May include fueling and sanitation
- Staging Area Manager is required
- May be designated for certain kinds of resources

CHARACTERISTICS OF A STAGING AREA



- 5-minute response to tactical assignment
- Located in a safe area
- Can be relocated
- Established traffic patterns

CHARACTERISTICS OF A STAGING AREA

- Large enough to accommodate resources
- Room to expand as needed
- Have necessary security controls

STAGING AREA BENEFITS

- Resources can be formed into squads, task-forces, mobile field force, strike-teams etc.
- Resources have a specific tactical mission when dispatched
- Discourages “free-lancing”

STAGING AREA BENEFITS

- Provides a coordinated "check-in" procedure
- Assists the Operations Chief or Incident Commander in determining use of resources for tactical missions
- Demonstrates need for additional resources

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT BASE

- Locations for primary support activity
- Logistics Section located at base
- Out-of-service equipment
- Unassigned personnel

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT BASE

- One base per incident
- Pre-designate base locations if feasible
- Base Manager will always be designated

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF CAMPS

- Temporary locations to provide food and lodging to off-duty incident personnel
- May be moved - several may be required
- All base activities may be performed at camp

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF CAMPS

- **Camp Manager will always be assigned**
- **Designated by geographic name or number**

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT HELIBASE

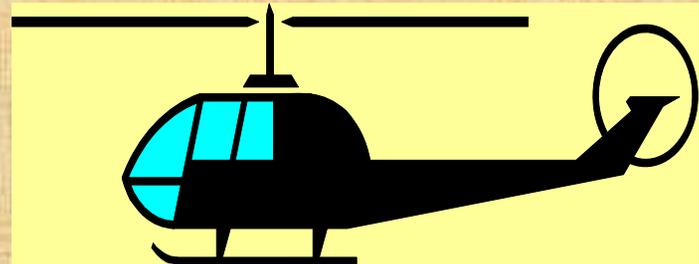
- Location where helicopters may be parked, maintained, fueled, and loaded
- Helibase will be designated by name of incident
- Large incidents may have more than one helibase

PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT HELIBASE

- Helibase can be located at airport or other off-incident location
- Helibases will normally not be moved
- Helibase will be managed by Helibase Manager

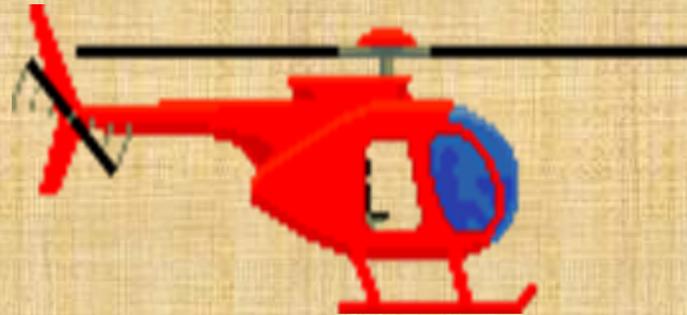
PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT HELISPOTS

- Temporary locations where helicopters can safely land and take off
- Can be used to load or off-load personnel, equipment, and supplies



PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF INCIDENT HELISPOTS

- Helispot Managers will be on the ground
- Helispot Manager may be assigned, reports to Helibase Manager



COLLOCATING FACILITIES

INCIDENT FACILITIES	ICP	STAGING AREA	BASE	CAMPS	HELI-BASE	HELI-SPOT
ICP		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
STAGING AREA	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES
BASE	YES	YES		NO	YES	YES
CAMPS	NO	YES	NO		NO	YES
HELIBASE	YES	YES	YES	NO		NO
HELISPOT	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	

MAP DESIGNATIONS FOR ICS FACILITIES



Incident Command Post (Name)



Staging Area (Name)



Base (Name)



Camp (Name)



Helibase (Name)



Helispot (Name or Number)