A. SCENARIO



For most of this day, all the activities we will be doing will be based on the scenario used in the IST Planning Responsibilities Unit.

Introduction

Objectives

- Understand the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Section.
- Identify and practice specific functions of the Planning Section.
- Develop a Demobilization Plan.
- Develop an Action Plan.

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Introduction

- Objectives
 - Learn how to prepare for and conduct planning meetings and briefings.
 - Learn how to develop situation reports and after action reports.
 - Develop the contents for a "GO" kit.

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Plans Section Responsibilities

- Information collection, evaluation and dissemination of information
- Resource status keeping
- Facilitates Action Planning Process
- Develops IAP
- Develops supporting plans



PLANNING SECTION

- Planning Section Chief
 - Manages the Planning Section
 - Determines resource allocation
 - Delegates responsibilities
 - Establishes the Action Planning Cycle
 - Facilitates the Action Planning meeting
 - Allocates work space
 - Sets work schedules

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B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Planning Section responsibilities include the collection, evaluation, dissemination, and use of information about the development of the incident and status resources. It also develops the Action Plan (AP) and other plans that may be required, i.e. Transition Plans, Contingency Plans, and Demobilization Plans. Today we will demonstrate the Action Planning process, the Demobilization Plan, resource tracking, Situation reporting, after action reporting, and developing an AP.

The Planning Section has four primary units, each with specific tasks, which lead towards accomplishing the section responsibilities. The Section may also have a number of technical specialists that provide technical expertise. Technical Specialists may be assigned wherever their services are required.

- The Planning Section is a service organization with the Operations Section being the primary recipient and is managed by the Planning Section Chief whose duties are:
 - Manage the Planning Section.
 - Determine resource allocation.
 - Delegate responsibilities.
 - Establish the Action Planning Cycle.
 - Facilitate the Action Planning meeting.
 - Allocate workspace.
 - Set work schedules.

B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

- Planning provides the primary support to the entire incident in demobilization.
- A majority of the tasks you find in the description of duties of all the positions in the Planning Section lead toward supporting the Operations Section.



SITUATION UNIT

Responsibilities

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- Collect, process and organize situation information
- Prepare situation summaries
- Develop projections and forecasts of future events
- Prepare maps and intelligence
- information for use in the Action Plan
- Prepare and post situation status displays

PLANNING INCIDENT MAP Select the appropriate base map including scale and workability Must show enough detail to allow

- operational personnel:
- Identify assigned work areas
- Identify other factors that may be important to the assignment, e.g., staging areas, etc.
- Use accepted and appropriate map symbols.

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| | SITUATION UNIT LEADER INTERACTIONS OBTAINS INFORMATION FROM: PREPARES INFORMATION FOR: | | | | |
| | Incident Briefing | Confirms, Evaluates, Processes displays | → BoO Situation Display → Incident Status summary | | |
| | Intelligence reports → Resource Unit | | → Maps for distribution | | |
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B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Situation Unit

- Managed Situation Leader. by а Unit Responsibilities include:
 - Collect, process and organize situation information.
 - Prepare situation summaries. •
 - Develop projections and forecasts of future events.
 - Prepare maps and intelligence information for use in the Action Plan.
 - Select the appropriate base map including scale and workability of the map.
 - Trim and post maps on incident displays and in the Situation area.
 - Prepare and use mylar overlay predictions material to depict or evolving activities on the incident.

Situation Unit Leader Interactions

- Where would information be obtained from?
- Confirm, evaluate, and process displays.

B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Resources Unit



B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Documentation Unit



DOCUMENTATION UNIT

- RESPONSIBILITIES
 - Maintain Incident Files
 - Provide duplicating Services

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FILING SYSTEM

- Normally include:
 - ICS-201 through ICS-222
 - Agency forms
 - IST Leader documents
 - Documents organized by:
 - Ops Period
 - DateTime

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- Managed by a Documentation unit Leader. Responsibilities include:
 - Maintain accurate and complete incident files.
 - Provide duplication services.
 - Maintain file system.

Establish Filing System

- Establishing a file system and collecting and filing documents. These normally include:
 - ICS Forms 201 through 222.
 - Agency specific forms (non-ICS).
 - Other forms or documents required by the IST Leader.
 - Material in each file is organized by:
 - Operational period
 - Date
 - Time

FILING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop file for each ICS document
- File in chronological order by:
 - Operational period
 - Date
- Time
 Place time/date/initials on document
 - Use 24-hour time
 - Use 3-letter month abbreviation
 - Example [1730 Oct 3, 2000 SG]
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B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Filing Documents

- For ease of filing, retrieval, and refilling, here are some recommendations:
 - Develop a file for each ICS form or document.
 - File in chronological order with the most recent in front.
 - Place time, date and your initials in upper right hand corner.
 - Time is written using 24-hour clock.
 - Date is 3 letter abbreviation of the month.
 - Example: (1730 OCT 3, 1999 SG).
- This system will make refilling easier. It will also help when you are looking for a specific document in a file.

Providing Duplicating Services

You can expect your heaviest workload period to be prior to and following the planning meeting. You will be required to reproduce, collate and staple the AP that may contain numerous pages.

PLANNING

- Most important functions
 - Resource tracking
 - AP Development
 - Documentation
 - Demobilization
 - Situation status
 - Developing alternatives

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ACTION PLANNING

Timeline

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- Shift Change 1 hour
- Prepare for Planning Meeting 1 hr
- Conduct Planning Meeting 1 hour
- Prepare AP 3 hours
- Review and finalize AP ½ hour
- Approve AP ½ hour
- Prepare for Ops Briefing ½ hour
- Operations Briefing 1 hour
- Finalize Reports 1 hour

B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Technical Specialists

- Technical Specialists assigned to the Planning Section may report directly to the Planning Section Chief or within an existing unit. An example might be a meteorologist who could be made part of the Situation Unit.
 - Structural Engineer
 - Explosive experts for grain elevator explosion
 - EPA for pesticide hazards in grain
- Throughout this course you will perform some of the responsibilities of each of these units.
- Resource tracking, development of the AP, documentation, situation status, developing alternatives and demobilization are the 6 most important functions the Planning Section accomplishes.

Planning Timeline

- Once the Operational Period is established, Planning needs to develop an Action Planning Timeline
 - Shift Change 1 hour
 - Prepare for Planning Meeting 1 hour
 - Conduct Planning Meeting 1 hour
 - Prepare AP 3 hours
 - Review and finalize AP ½hour
 - Approve AP ½hour
 - Prepare for Operations Briefing ½hour
 - Operations Briefing 1 hour
 - Finalize Reports 1 hour



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- Resource tracking
 - Begins with check-in
 - Check-in normally done at ICP or BoO
 - Can be done by POA/MOB
 - Specialist for Task Forces

RESOURCE TRACKING ICS 219 - 'T' CARDS Header card for sections, Gray functions or locations Local US&R Responders Blue Green Task Forces Specialized equipment Taupe Orange Helicopters Rose Vehicles Yellow Law enforcement or security resources 21



B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Resource Tracking

- Responsibility of Resource Unit:
 - Begins with check-in.
 - Check-in normally done at ICP or BoO.
 - Can be done by POA/MOB Specialist for task forces.
 - Status information on arriving resources is especially critical during the initial build up phase on an incident. Information missed in this phase may never catch up with the complete incident records.
- EXERCISE
- Next step in resource tracking is posting information from ICS 211 to ICS 219 — T cards color coding:
 - Gray Header card for Sections, functions and locations
 - Blue Local US&R responders
 - Green Task Forces
 - Taupe Specialized equipment
 - Orange Helicopters
 - Rose Vehicles
 - Yellow Law enforcement or security resources
 - T cards are displayed in a T Card Rack
- EXERCISE





THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Room requirements
- Physical arrangement

Location

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ROOM REQUIREMENTS

- Quiet
- Single room
- Well-lighted
- No phones/radios/pagers
- Comfortable as possible
- Designated exclusively for this use during posted meeting time

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B. PLANNING ORGANIZATION (continued)

Resource Unit Interactions

- Obtains information.
- Confirms and evaluates the information and processes displays.
- Prepares information for:
 - Incident Organization chart display
 - T-Card Resource display
 - Incident Status Summary ICS-209
 - Organization Assignment List ICS-203
 - Assignment List ICS-204
 - Special resource requests

C. PREPARING FOR AND CONDUCTING THE PLANNING MEETING

- Things to consider in preparing for the Meeting
 - Room requirements
 - Quiet
 - Single room
 - Well lighted
 - No phones/radios/pagers
 - Designated exclusively for this use during meeting times



LOCATION

- Away from distractions
- Could be external to BoO
- Preferred location close to or adjacent to BoO

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ATTENDANCE

- Mandatory attendance includes:
 - Command
 - Command Staff
 - General Staff
 - Situation UL
 - Recorder(s)

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C. PREPARING FOR AND CONDUCTING THE PLANNING MEETING (continued)

- Physical arrangement
 - Seating
- Location
 - Away from distractions
 - Could be external to BoO
 - Preferred location close to or adjacent to BoO
- Mandatory Attendance:
 - Command
 - Command staff
 - General Staff
 - Situation UL
 - Recorder(s)





MEETING IMPERATIVES

- All participants must come prepared
- Strong leadership must be evident
- Adhere to the meeting guidelines
- Eliminate distractions (cell phones, radios, etc.)

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    Strong facilitation
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C. PREPARING FOR AND CONDUCTING THE PLANNING MEETING (continued)

- Display Arrangement:
 - Agenda
 - Meeting rules
 - ICS-215
 - Incident map
 - Incident objectives
- Planning Meeting Imperatives:
 - All participants must come prepared.
 - Strong leadership must be evident.
 - Adhere to the meeting guidelines.
 - Eliminate distractions (cell phones, radios, etc.).
 - Strong facilitation.

D. DEVELOPING THE AP

Once the Planning meeting has concluded and the ICS-215 and other documents have been completed, staff members complete the various portions of the AP. This plan is nothing more than a compilation of ICS forms 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 220, an Incident Map, Transportation Plan and other documents required.

| IST Leader's incident objectives Weather briefing Safety briefing Attachments | |
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ASSIGNMENT LIST - ICS-204

- Completed for each division/group
- Assigned Ops personnel
 - Leader name
 - # of personnel
 - Transportation/reporting time
- Assignments
- Special instructions
- Communications plan

DEVELOPING THE AP

- Divisions = geographic area
- Groups = functional responsibility
- Personnel listed in Block 5
 - Leaders' name

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- # of people assigned
- Transportation requirements
- Reporting location / time

D. DEVELOPING THE AP (continued)

- These forms are put in the following sequential order:
 - Cover page

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- ICS-202, Objectives
- ICS-203, Organizational Assignment List
 - This form tells all on the Incident who is assigned to the various positions listed.
 - List personnel who will be assigned during the Operational Period.
- ICS-204, Assignment List(s)
 - One ICS-204 must be completed for each Division or Group assigned.
- Divisions are geographical
- Groups are functional areas of responsibility that may cross Division Boundaries.
- List Operations personnel assigned in Block 5 of the form.
- List specific personnel assigned, the Leaders name, number of people assigned, transportation needs, reporting location and pick up time.

DEVELOPING THE AP

- Assignment listed
- Special instructions
- Communications issues
 - Appropriate portions
 summarized
 - Applicable to Divisions / Groups

PLANNING

- ICS-205 Comm Plan
 - Command frequencies
 - Support frequencies
 - Tactical frequencies
 - Contact information

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D. DEVELOPING THE AP (continued)

- List specific assignments (objective format completion promotes accountability) for all Division resources assigned.
- List any special instructions that are applicable to the work assigned.
- Summarize the appropriate portions of the Communications Plan applicable to personnel assigned to this Division or Group.
- ICS-205 Incident Radio Communications Plan
 - Needed to communicate all radio frequencies and systems used on the incident. Consider the following as a minimum of frequencies.
 - Command frequencies.
 - Support frequencies.
 - Tactical frequencies.
 - Include specific information on who would be contacted on the various frequencies assigned.
 - Completed by the Communications Unit Leader or Logistics Section Chief.
- ICS-206 Medical Plan
 - This form is designed for personnel assigned to the incident and not personnel injured because of the incident.
 - List incident medical aid stations.
 - List ambulance services that are available in the incident area.
 - List incident assigned ambulances including the location.
 - List hospitals in the incident area including address and travel times by ground and air.
 - Provide specific instructions to personnel on the incident what procedures should be used in case of injury.
 - Completed by the Medical Unit Leader or Logistics Section Chief and reviewed and approved by the Safety Officer.

ACTION PLAN

- Considerations in developing the AP
 - In multiple operational periods, stay with the same format in the plan.
 - Do not change terminology from plans developed in different operational periods.
 - Leave personnel assigned in the same management unit (i.e., do not change Division or Group from day to day).

ACTION PLAN

- Finalization/approval/implementation
 - Set completion time for attachments.
 - Obtain all Plan attachments.
 - Obtain approval of completed Plan.
 - Determine numbers of IAPs required.
 - Arrange with Doc Unit to reproduce.
 - Review Plan prior to briefing.
 - Select Briefing location.Attend the Briefing

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EXERCISE

- AP Ground Rules
 - Develop cover page
 - Develop
 - ICS-202
 - ICS- 203
 - ICS- 204(s)

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D. DEVELOPING THE AP (continued)

Other Considerations in Developing the AP

- In multiple operational periods, stay with the same format in the plan.
- Do not change terminology from plans developed in different Operational Periods.
- Leave personnel assigned in the same management unit, i.e., do not change Division or Group from day to day.
- Finalization, approval and implementation:
 - Set completion time for attachments.
 - Obtain all Plan attachments.
 - Obtain approval of the completed Plan.
 - Determine numbers of APs required.
 - Arrange with Documentation Unit to reproduce.
 - Review Plan prior to briefing and distribution.
 - Select Briefing location.
 - Attend the Briefing.
- EXERCISE

PLANNING

- INCIDENT STATUS SUMMARY ICS-209
 - Provides a concise and complete summary of all activities that have occurred on the incident
 - Provides a document the DFO Media Affairs can use to provide releases

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PLANNING

- ICS-209
 - Summary of all activities
 - Based on analysis of debriefing information
 - Required by many agencies

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PLANNING

- ICS-209
 - Answers political questions:
 - Current situation
 - Critical issues
 - Casualty report
 - Accomplishments
 - Resources assigned
 Planned activities

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D. DEVELOPING THE AP (continued)

Situation Report 209

ICS-209 — Incident Status Summary. The primary responsibility for completion lies with the Situation Unit but assistance in completing the form will be required by the Resource Unit and Finance Section personnel. Once completed the form is submitted to the Documentation Unit for duplication and distribution to the Command and General Staffs.

- The ICS-209 provides a concise and complete summary of all activities that have occurred on the incident. This can be best completed analysis following an of the debriefing information received. Required by many agencies.
- Provides a document the Information Officer can use to provide media releases. Provides sufficient information to answer the majority of questions political representatives may have regarding the incident:
 - Current situation
 - Critical issues
 - Casualty report
 - Accomplishments
 - Resources assigned
 - Planned activities
 - Additional information
 - Signed by IST Leader
- EXERCISE

PLANNING

- Supporting Plans
 - Demobilization Plan
 - Transition Plan
 - Contingency Plan
 - Long Range Plan

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E. SUPPORTING PLANS

- Examples of Supporting Plans are:
 - Demobilization Plan
 - Transition Plan
 - Contingency Plan
 - Long Range Plan
- For the rest of the day we will concentrate on only the Demobilization Plan and Contingency Plan.

Demobilization Plan

Demobilization of resources on an incident is a very important part of incident operations.



DEMOBILIZATION

PLANNING

- Demob Planning should start early
- Recognize the indicators
 No new resource orders
 End of incident in sight
 Unassigned resources
- A demobilization meeting is held as soon as the indicators tell you it is time to consider releasing resources

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PLAN CONTENT

- General information
- Responsibilities
- Release priorities
- Release procedures
- Directory

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E. SUPPORTING PLANS

Demobilization Plan (continued)

- Demobilization planning should begin well within the first half of the incident. This may be required to deal with personnel who have to suddenly leave because of work or family related emergencies.
- Indicators to start demobilization planning:
 - No new resource orders
 - End of incident is in sight
 - Unassigned resources
- The following elements need to be covered, regardless of the medium used for the plan:
 - General information that includes broad orientation information on the procedures to be used in the demobilization process.
 - Spells out the responsibilities for initiating the plan and specific responsibility by function for various implementation activities. Establishes a chain of command and outlines the activities at specific locations.

RELEASE PRIORITIES

- Critical resources
- Local
- First-in, First-out
- Other agency
- Cost
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DEMOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepared by the Demobilization Unit Leader
- Reviewed by the Planning Section Chief
- Approved by the Incident Commander

DEMOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- IST Leader
 - Sets release priorities
 - Manages the meeting and process

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DEMOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Planning Section Chief
 - Prepares transportation manifests
 - Notify personnel to be released
 - Provide Demobilization Checkout, ICS – 221
 - All incident documents are submitted
 - Collect performance evaluations

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E. SUPPORTING PLANS

Demobilization Plan (continued)

- Release priorities. The IST Leader, in conjunction with the Incident Commander, and depending on the incident situation and logistical arrangements or constraints, establishes release priorities.
 - Critical resources
 - Local
 - First-in, first-out
 - Other agency
 - Cost
- Directory lists emergency contact names and numbers that personnel can contact in case of problems enroute to their home base
- Preparation of Plan
 - Prepared by Demob Unit Leader
 - Reviewed by Planning Section Chief
 - Approved by IST Leader

Functional Responsibilities

- IST Leader
 - Sets release priorities.
 - Manages the meeting and process.
- Planning Section Chief
 - Prepares transportation manifests must be done in close effort with the Logistics Section.
 - Notify personnel to be released of the specific times for release.
 - Provide team leaders and individual personnel with the ICS-221 — Demobilization Checkout
 - Transportation manifests
 - Briefings on travel arrangements.
 - Ensure all incident documents are submitted to the Documentation Unit.
 - Collect individual performance evaluations.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY US&R Incident Support Team Training

MODULE 3: UNIT IV — PLANNING FUNCTIONAL TRAINING

DEMOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Logistics Section Chief
 - Property accountability
 - Transportation arrangements

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DEMOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Finance/Administrative Section Chief
 - Personnel time records
 - Complete injury reports
 - Complete Claims reports

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CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Definition
 - Contingency plans are those plans developed to meet needed requirements for an event not yet certain to happen

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WHAT IF . . .

- What if we have to relocate the BoO?
- What if we encounter severe weather?
- What if we encounter toxic chemicals?
- What if we get a severe aftershock?

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E. SUPPORTING PLANS

Functional Responsibilities (continued)

- Logistics Section Chief
 - Return of all accountable property and nonexpendable equipment issued.
 - Transportation arrangements if needed.
- Finance/Administrative Section Chief:
 - Complete personnel time records
 - Complete injury reports
 - Complete Claims reports
- EXERCISE

Contingency Plan

- Definition:
 - Contingency Plans are those plans developed to meet needed requirements for an event not yet certain to happen.
- In other words, it addresses the question, WHAT IF?

CONTINGENCY ELEMENTS

- Problem statement
- Objectives
- Pre-planning
- Actions
- Appendix

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CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Pre-planning
 - Floor plans
 - Meetings
 - Safety issues / hazards
 - Plan organization
 - Deployment of resources

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CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Actions
 - Develop the organization
 - Brief resources
 - Stage anticipated resources

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CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Appendix
 - Range of alternatives
 - Maps
 - Resource listing

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E. SUPPORTING PLANS

Contingency Plan (continued)

Elements of a Contingency Plan

- Problem Statement
- Objectives
- Pre-Planning Examples:
 - Obtain floor plans of the affected building.
 - Hold meetings to assure all agency/personnel aware of their responsibilities.
 - Identify safety issues/hazards.
 - Plan the organization.
 - Clearly define the deployment of resources.
- Actions
 - Develop the Organization
 - Brief resources to be assigned
 - Stage anticipated needed resources Note: Not all contingency plans would require an Actions component. It is dependent on what contingency the plan is addressing. Decision- makers may want to stage response resources i.e. response teams or response equipment (in case the uncertain event happens).
- Appendix:
 - Range of alternatives
 - Maps
 - Resource listing

AFTER ACTION DEBRIEFING

- IST format
- Comments in writing
- Recommendations
- Not a gripe report

AFTER ACTION DEBRIEFING

- Completed by each TF and IST
- ESF-9 will collect / After Action report developed
- GO Kits
- Information checklist

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F. AFTER ACTION DEBRIEFING

- Use the US&R IST After Action Debriefing format.
- The intent is not to simply check off the items listed but to provide written comment on what went well and what did not go well.
 - Provide recommendations where appropriate.
- Don't let the Debriefing be a gripe report.
- Each task force and the IST will complete an After Action Debriefing.
- ESF-9 will collect and write an After Action Report based on the Debriefings.
- GO Kit contents
- Develop checklist of information needed when activated.