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Beyond Initial Response--2Nd Edition: Using The National Incident Management System Incident Command System



Synopsis

Beyond Initial Response - First Edition was written to fill a significant gap in ICS training. Responders have to be ready to carry out their ICS position-specific responsibilities and to be effective they have to know how to operate as part of an ICS organization. This book provides readers the confidence, knowledge and assurance that are required to successfully play as part of an incident management team. Beyond Initial Response - Second Edition builds upon the original version that was put through its paces by the greatest critics - first responders and students of emergency management. In the second edition you will find three new chapters: The Area Command chapter, written from the perspective of an Area Commander, a chapter on multi-agency coordination that provides an overview of how multi-agency coordination works from various viewpoints, and the third new chapter titled Emerging Communications, which introduces the topic of New Media and its potential challenges and benefits to incident management teams. In addition to the new chapters, the section of the book that covers the Safety Officer has been significantly expanded, concentrating on hazard analysis. You will also find some new "tools" in the appendixes of the book. These include: Managing Risk, Best Briefing Practices, Sample Instructions to the Field Observer, Delegation of Authority

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Beyond Initial Response is an outstanding textbook on the Incident Command System. It explains ICS concepts, processes, and positions in a very clear, concise, and practical manner that is easy to understand and apply. Despite on-going tweaks to ICS concepts since the introduction of NIMS,

the content of this book is still widely applicable to ICS practitioners at all levels of government and private industry. All of the content in this book, authored by nationally qualified ICS practitioners and grounded in tried-and-true concepts, is consistent with the current NIMS ICS training curriculum including the planning process, unified command concepts, and position descriptions. The book was updated in 2010 to include information on Area Command and the Multiagency Agency Coordination System and added more fidelity to the chapters on various ICS positions. Since 2007 we have issued this book to every student enrolled in one of our ICS classes, including ICS 300, ICS 400, and all position specific courses. Most of the students have made it a staple in their response kits. During training, exercises, and responses, the concepts in the book have help build a common framework for our interactions with other response entities, including local, state, and federal agencies as well as the private sector and have helped facilitate our interagency cooperation. This book is a must have for any responder involved in incident management. There is not another text on the market that explains the Incident Command System as well as this book.

I am a Type I Incident Commander with over 25 years of response experience. For novices this book is an awesome introduction to the Incident Command System. For experts, its always great to have a book handy to check to make sure you are following the process and if necessary be able to explain the process to a new person integrating into ICS. As a part time instructor, this book is excellent at augmenting and clarifying training lessons. If your old or new to ICS, this is a necessary collection to your list of references in your response library. I have copied many of the checklists in the book and placed them into my field guide. With this book, you can't go wrong, especially during a response where you can't afford to. Great all around!

This is an outstanding reference for an EOC, command post, or office. It doesn't do the work for you, but it certainly helps.

An excellent book, in perfect shape; much better then expected, and much earlier than expected. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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