

# **Incident Command System Resource Unit Leader (RUL)**

#### Overview

#### User

The user of this job aid will be anyone assigned as the Resource Unit Leader (RUL) within the Incident Command System. Personnel selected for this position need to have a good understanding of how the incident organization carries out check-in, resource ordering, and resource tracking (the processes). They will need to have good communications and organizational skills. They must be able to effectively use support personnel spread throughout the organization, including check-in recorders and field observers. The Resource Unit Leader must be able to train support personnel to garner appropriate resource information from Division/Group supervisors while working in a field environment.

#### When to Use

This job aid should be used to assist the Resource Unit Leader whenever an incident has occurred that requires the Incident Command System to respond.

#### Major Accomplishments

Below is a list of the major accomplishments:

- Accurately tracked resources
- Organizational assignments documented
- Assembled Incident Action Plan
- Unit demobilized

#### References

Below is a list of references that may be required while using this job aid:

- Oil Spill Field Operations Guide (ICS OS-420-1)
- NIIMS ICS Position Manual, Resource Unit Leader (ICS 221-3)
- NIIMS I-348 Resource Unit Leader Student Workbook
- NIIMS Task Book for Resource Unit Leader (RESL) (NFES 2337)



#### Overview (cont'd)

#### **Materials**

Ensure that these materials are available to the Resource Unit Leader during an incident, if not already provided in a unit or section specific support kit.

- ☐ ICS Forms Catalog
- ☐ Felt-tip pens/markers
  - Black (10 fine and 5 wide)
  - Assorted colors (10 fine and 5 wide)
- ☐ Ball point pens
  - Black or blue (5 to 10)
- ☐ Sharpened pencils
  - No. (2-5)
  - Mechanical with extra leads (3-5)
- $\square$  Large erasers (2)
- ☐ Lined paper (2 tablets)
- ☐ Clipboard with name
- ☐ Envelopes brown and/or messenger
  - Medium size (5-10)
  - Large size (5-10)
- ☐ Miscellaneous office supplies
  - Tape clear and masking (1 roll of each)
  - White correction fluid (1-2 bottles)
  - Stapler with extra staples
  - Scissors (1 pair)
  - Large clips (6-10)
  - Paper clips and rubber bands
  - Carbon paper (5-10 sheets)
- ☐ Portable (cloth) or metal T-card holders or rack (1-2)
- ☐ T-Cards
  - White (50)
  - Rose and green (25 each)
  - Yellow (15)
  - Tan (25)
  - Blue and Orange (15)
  - Gray (50)



#### Overview (cont'd)

## Materials (Cont'd)

The materials list is continued below.

- ☐ Miscellaneous
  - Resource Unit Position Guide (ICS 221-3)
  - Resource Designation System (MACS 410-2)
  - Crew Time reports (SF-261)
  - Response Resource Inventory (RRI)
  - Blank roster for assisting/cooperating agency and agency representative information
  - Blank roster for stakeholder group and point of contact information
  - Local Area Contingency Plan (ACP)/Unit OPLANS
  - Portable computer, loaded with database of area stakeholder/political entities and ICS forms
- ☐ Internet capabilities

#### **General Information**

Use clear text and ICS terminology (no codes) in all radio transmissions.

All radio communications to Incident Communications Center will be addressed: "(Incident Name) Communications".



#### **Initial Actions**

#### **General Tasks**

Below are responsibilities to be performed immediately by the Resource Unit Leader.

STEP	ACTION		$\checkmark$
1.	Receive assignment		
2.	Upon arrival at the incident, ensure check-in process has been set up at designated check-in locations. Check-in locations may be found at:		
	Incident Command P	ost	
	Base or Camps		
	Staging Areas		
	• Helibases		
	<b>NOTE:</b> Seeing that incident resources are properly checked in is the FIRST responsibility of the RESOURCE UNIT LEADER		
3.	IMPOI	RTANT!	
	IF	THEN	
	The check-in process has not been established	Complete job aid for "Accurately Tracked Resources" page 6	
		Go to Step 4	
	Check-in has been established	Go to Step 4	
4.	Obtain initial brief from	-	
	<ul><li>Size and complexity</li><li>Expectations of the In</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>Incident objectives</li> </ul>	neident Commander	
	Agencies/organizations/stakeholders involved		
	Agencies/organizations/stakenoiders involved     Incident activities/situation		
	<ul> <li>Special concerns</li> </ul>		
	Most recent Incident Action Plan (IAP)		
5.	Begin/maintain Unit Acti	ivity Log (ICS 214)	
6.	Acquire work materials f	from pages 2 and 3	



### Initial Actions (Cont'd)

# General Tasks (Cont'd)

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STEP	ACTION		✓
7.	Determine the unit's resource Adjust as necessary		
	IF	THEN	
	Resources unit has not been established  Go to job aid for "Accurately Tracked Resources", page 6		
	Resources unit is established	Go to Step 8	
8.	Organize, assign, and brief subordinates		
9.	Complete forms and reports required of assigned position and send material through supervisor to Documentation Unit		



### **Accurately Tracked Resources**

#### **Resource Check-in**

Use this job aid to establish check-in and resource tracking and to order personnel to staff the Resource Unit.

STEP	ACTION		✓
1.	Determine which facilities need CHECK-IN RECORDERS		
	IF THEN		
	Setting up INITIAL check-in locations	Post one Check-in Recorder at each:	
	Setting up additional	<ul> <li>Staging area</li> <li>Boat ramp/helibase</li> <li>Division/group location</li> <li>Bases/camps</li> <li>ICP</li> <li>Other areas as needed</li> <li>Post one Check-in</li> </ul>	
	check-in locations to support EXTENDED response	Recorder at each additional check-in location as they are needed	
2.	Enter the total number of Check-in Recorders needed for incident as determined in Step 1		
3.	If conducting 24 hour operations, multiply the result in Step 2 by 2; otherwise enter the number in Step 2		
4.	Enter the number of check-in recorders currently assigned		
5.	Subtract Step 4 from Step and in Step 12. This is th Recorders still needed.		



# Resource Check-in (Cont'd)

The job aid to establish check-in and resource tracking continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		✓
6.	Determine the number of STATUS RECORDERS needed		
	IF number of Divisions is	THEN you need	
	2	1 Status Recorder	
	5	2 Status Recorders	
	10 or more	3 Status Recorders	
7.	Enter the total number of Status Recorders determined in Step 6		
8.	If conducting 24 hour operations, multiply the result in Step 7 by 2; otherwise enter the number in Step 7		
9.	Enter the number of Status Recorders currently assigned		
10.	Subtract Step 9 from Step 8; enter the result here and in Step 12. This is the number of Status Recorders still needed		



# Resource Check-in (Cont'd)

Job aid continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		✓
11.	IF Volunteer Coordinator	THEN	
	Is NOT assigned and NOT needed	RUL tracks volunteers Enter zero in Step 12 Post Volunteer Check-in Sheet for volunteers to sign and list their actual capabilities	
	Is NOT assigned but needed	If conducting 24 hour ops, enter 2 in Step 12; otherwise enter 1  Post Volunteer Check-in Sheet for volunteers to sign and list their actual capabilities	
	Is ASSIGNED	Volunteer Coordinator tracks volunteers  If conducting 24 hour ops, enter 1 in Step 12; otherwise enter zero  Pass Volunteer Check-in Sheets to Liaison Officer for informational purposes	



# Resource Check-in (Cont'd)

Job aid continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		
12.	Determine personnel still Unit	needed to staff Resource	
	If conducting 24 hour oper for Resource Unit Leader otherwise enter zero		
	Enter number of Check-in needed (from Step 5)	n Recorders still	
	Enter number of Status R needed (from Step 10)	ecorders still	
	Enter number of Volunte still needed (from Step 1)		
	Add up numbers entered		
13.	Order personnel still needed (determined in Step 12) from SUL via Logistics		
14.	Obtain communication frequencies from Communications Unit Leader		
15.	Assign frequencies to Check-in Recorders in the field		
16.	Set up Communications method		
	IF Radio Link is	THEN Use	
	Good	Radio	
	Poor	Runners, drivers, phones	



# Resource Check-in (Cont'd)

Job aid continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		✓
17.	Set up communications schedule		
	IF	THEN report check-in information to RUL	
	Initial build-up	Every 15-60 minutes	
	Day 2+	Upon request when directed	
18.	Brief Check-in Recorders locations and procedures	on their assigned	
	IF check-in reporting location is	THEN get information from	
	Base or camp	Manager	
	Incident Command Post (ICP)	Resources Status Recorder	
	Helibase	Helibase Manager	
	Staging Area	Staging Area Manger	
	Division/group	Division Supervisor	
19.	Identify actual check-in locations with signs visible for 100 feet during both day and night		
20.	Mark travel route to check-in locations with arrows		
21.	Eliminate multiple reporting systems		
22.	Provide for reliefs		



#### **Resource Display**

Use this job aid to create the Resource Status Display and to fulfill the RUL's responsibility to document organizational assignments.

STEP	ACTION			✓
1.		Review status display and the following information sources:		
	<ul> <li>First unit on scene or responding</li> <li>IC briefing</li> <li>Section Chief briefing</li> <li>ICS 201</li> <li>IAP briefing</li> <li>SITREPs, POLREPs or TACREPs</li> <li>Line or on scene personnel</li> <li>Check-in locations</li> </ul>			
2.	Create the statu below	us display using the	decision table	
	IF	THEN prepare the following forms	AND display them	
	In INITIAL response	ICS 207	Immediately	
	mode	ICS 209 (resources & agencies section) ICS 201-4 (list of resources)	Immediately When obtained	
	In EXTENDED response/ops mode	The above listed forms	When updated for IAP preparation or on the basis of resource status changes	
		ICS 219(s) (T-cards) to replace the ICS 201-4	When completed and/or updated	



### **Resource Display**

Job aid continued from previous page.

STEP	ACTION			1
3.	Transcribe Check-in lists (ICS 211) and Resource Lists (ICS 201-4) onto T-cards (ICS 219) <b>NOTE:</b> Can be delegated to Status Recorders.			
4.	Organize ICS	S 219(s) to accurately as reflected on ICS 20	reflect incident	
5.	Verify that re ordered for th	esources checked-in w	vere actually	
6.		of appropriate personnel on how to amunicate resource STATUS CHANGES for incident:		
	IF	COORDINATES or OBSERVES	THEN	
	Operations Section Chief Branch Director(s) Division/ Group Supervisors Field Observers	Resource Status Changes:      Assigned     Available     Out of service OR     Incident     resource     moves	They SHALL communicate the change in status to the COMM Center/COMM Unit Leader	
	IF	RECEIVES	THEN	
	COMM Center personnel or the COMM Unit Leader	Communication of Resource Status Changes in the incident	Fill out Resource Status Change (ICS 210) & forward to RUL	



# Resource Display (cont'd)

Use this job aid below to organize assignments.

STEP	ACTION		✓
7.	Separate the Resource Status Display into separate T-card racks as the incident grows in size and complexity:		
	IF Incident Complexity THEN		
	Expands beyond ini 12 hour shift with da and night tactical watches	I I FIGURIE SCHALAIG I -	
	Adds divisions	Volunteers	
	Adds groups	Support vehicles	
	Acquires and extens list of support vehic	1 / Liichiay them ac a	
	Acquires extensive volunteers  Status Display		
8.	Verify that Resource Status Display accurately reflects field operations approved in the most current IAP.		
	The following personnel can be used as verifiers		
	Division/Group Supervisors		
	• Field observers		
	Check-in Recorders		]
	IF	THEN	
	2-3 hours into operational period	Coordinate verification effort with Ops Section Chief	
	OR Dispatch field observers		
	Preparing for tactics meeting	and/or query Division Supervisors	
	Otherwise Update status as changes occur and as necessary		



# Resource Display (cont'd)

The check list is continued below.

STEP	ACTION	<b>✓</b>
9.	Submit updated resource status change information to Status Recorder	
10.	Update ICS 219(s), 203, 209, 207	
11.	Maintain a master list of checked in resources (ICS 211), completed check-in sheets (ICS 201-4), copies of resource orders, status change cards (ICS 210) and the unit log (ICS 214) for documentation	
12.	Act as Demobilization Unit Leader if assigned by Planning Section Chief	



#### **Organizational Assignments Documented**

Worksheet (ICS 215)

**Operational Planning** Use this job aid to determine the quantity and assignments of resources needed for the next operational period.

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	Attend tactics meeting	
2.	Fill out draft ICS 215 with Operations & Planning Section Chiefs	
3.	Enlarge completed ICS 215 to poster size	
4.	Attend Planning Meeting	
5.	Post enlarged ICS 215 in meeting area	
6.	Lead discussion on resources by using ICS 215, make changes and get final approval from IC	
7.	Prepare resource orders using ICS 213	
8.	Provide finalized copy of ICS 215 and resource orders to Logistics Section Chief	
9.	Record reporting location (Block 7, ICS 215) onto NOTES block on ICS 219	
10.	Fill out ICS 203 for next operational period using ICS 215, ICS 211, IC 209, ICS 207	
11.	Send copy of ICS 203 to Situation Unit Leader; keep copy for IAP	
12.	Fill out ICS 204 for next operational period using ICS 215 and ICS 205	
13.	Send copy of ICS 204 to Operations Section Chief; keep copy for IAP	
14.	Forward completed ICS 215 to Planning Section Chief for approval	



### **Assemble Incident Action Plan (IAP)**

#### **General Tasks**

Use the check-list to guide assembly of the IAP.

STEP	ACTION				✓
1. Gather forms					
Form # (Name)		Prepared By	Draft	Final	
IA	P Cover	SUL			
	S 202 (Response ojectives)	PSC			
	S 203 (Organization ssignments)	RUL			
ICS 204 (Division/Group Assignment)		OPS/RUL			
ICS 205 (Communications Plan)		Comms Unit Leader			
ICS 206 (Medical Plan)		Medical Unit Leader			
ICS 232 (Resources at Risk)		SUL			
ICS-OS-209		SUL/RUL			
IC	S 220	OPS			
Da	nily Safety Message	Safety Officer			
Tr	affic Plan*	Ground Support Unit Leader			
Incident map(s)		SUL			
Demobilization Plan*		Demob Unit Leader			
*As necessary					
2. Go through all forms to CHECK for completeness					



### **Assemble Incident Action Plan (IAP)**

## General Tasks (Cont'd)

The check-list for assembling the IAP is continued below.

STEP	ACTION	
3.	Talk to person responsible for completing each form to get missing information	
4.	Enter missing information	
5.	Combine forms in the order listed in Step 1	
6.	Attach Incident Action Plan cover sheet	
7	Forward completed draft Incident Action Plan to the Planning Section Chief	



#### Section/Unit Demobilized

**Demobilization Tasks** Below are demobilization responsibilities applicable to all personnel assigned to this section/unit.

STEP	ACTION	
1.	Receive Demobilization Plan from Demobilization Unit Leader/Planning Section Chief	
2.	Brief subordinates regarding demobilization	
3.	Supervise demobilization of unit, including storage of supplies	
4.	Provide Supply Unit Leader with a list of supplies to be replenished	
5.	Forward all Section/Unit documentation to Documentation Unit	
6.	Complete Check-out Sheet	



### **Information Exchange Matrix**

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**Inputs/Outputs** Below is an input/output matrix to assist you with obtaining information from other ICS positions and providing information to ICS positions.

MEET With	WHEN	RUL OBTAINS	RUL PROVIDES
Incident Commander	Initial incident brief	ICS 201-4	
	OPS briefing	Shifts in tactics	
		Resource Status	
	Planning meeting	Approved list of resources to be ordered	ICS 215, present final form for IC approval
Planning Section Chief	Initially upon arrival at incident	Special instructions	
	Tactics pre- planning meeting	Objectives	ICS 215, fill out with PSC and OPS
		Change in tactics, assignments, resource status	Current state of resources on scene and available
			ICS 202, fill out during meeting
	Section meeting	Directions from PSC	Brief of unit performance
		Daily meeting schedule	All work products
	IAP preparation meeting	Deadline for preparation of draft IAP	Status of when the following forms will be ready: ICS 202, 203, 204, 207
Resource Unit	Upon arrival at	List of names	Assignments
Personnel	incident and when ordered personnel	Qualifications	Tasking
Check-in Recorders			Check-in procedures
Status Recorders	arrive on scene		
Volunteer Coordinator(s)			
Situation Unit Leader	Planning Meeting	Future projections for incident	Resource Status information so SUL can fill out ICS 202



### **Information Exchange Matrix (continued)**

### Inputs/Outputs

MEET With	WHEN	RUL OBTAINS	RUL PROVIDES
Operations	Tactics pre- planning meeting	Objectives	ICS 215, fill out with OPS and PSC
Section Chief		Changes in tactics, assignments, resource status	Current status of resources available
			ICS 202, fill out during meeting
	2-3 hours into current	Approval to use OPS personnel as field verifiers	Directions on conducting field verification (ICS 211 Check-in Lists
	operational period		and ICS 204-4 Resource Lists)
	Prior to tactics pre-planning meeting		
	1 0	Division/Group assignments	Final ICS 215
			ICS 203 and 204
Logistics	As needed	Supplies, communications equipment and work space	Resource orders on ICS 213
Sections Chief			Copy of ICS 211's
			Copy of current approved ICS 215
		Status of transportation and support vehicles	
		Cross check of orders to verify what was checked-in	