



Characteristics of the Incident Command System: Part 6

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Learning Objective: The student will understand the Resource Unit Leader's or RESL's responsibilities.

The Resource Unit Leader or RESL is responsible for maintaining the status of all assigned resources (primary and support) at an incident. This is achieved by overseeing the check-in of all resources, maintaining a status-keeping system indicating current location and status of all resources, and maintaining a master list of all resources (key supervisory personnel, primary and support resources, etc.).

Planning Section Chief

Resource Unit Leader

- Participate in incident planning meetings as required.
- Determine current status of unit activities.
- Confirm dispatch and estimated time of arrival of staff and supplies.
- Assign specific duties to staff, and supervise staff.
- Develop and implement accountability, safety, security and risk management measures for personnel and resources.
- Supervise demobilization of unit, including storage of supplies.
- Provide Supply Unit Leader or SPUL with a list of supplies to be replenished.
- Establish check-in function at incident locations.
- Prepare Organization Assignment List (Incident Command System (ICS) Form 203) and Organization Chart (ICS Form 207).
- Prepare appropriate parts of Assignment Lists (ICS Form 204).
- Prepare and maintain the Command Post display (to include Organization Chart and resource allocation and deployment).
- Maintain and post the current status and location of all resources.
- Maintain master roster of all resources checked in at the incident.
- A Status/Check-in Recorder reports to the RESL and assists with the accounting of all incident-assigned resources.
- Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

For additional information regarding the RESL's responsibilities, the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Field Operations Guide can be accessed at <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/materials/TRADE%20CD%20XVI//WebHelp/index.htm>.

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