



Characteristics of the Incident Command System: Ground Support Unit Leader

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Learning Objective: The student will be able to understand the Ground Support Unit Leader's or GSUL's responsibilities within the Incident Command System (ICS).

The GSUL reports to the Support Branch Director and is responsible for the support of out-of-service resources; transportation of personnel, supplies, food and equipment; fueling, service, maintenance and repair of vehicles and other ground support equipment; and development and implementation of the Incident Traffic Plan for personnel who are suffering from the effects of strenuous work and/or extreme conditions.

- Review Common Responsibilities.
- Participate in Support Branch planning activities.
- Develop and implement the Incident Traffic Plan.
- Support out-of-service resources.
- Notify Resource Unit of status changes on support and transportation vehicles.
- Arrange for and activate fueling, maintenance and repair of ground resources.
- Maintain inventory of support and transportation vehicles.
- Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

For additional information regarding the GSUL'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>.

