

# INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

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## ESTABLISHING INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

*Incident objectives should have SMART characteristics:*

- **Specific:** Is the wording precise and unambiguous?
- **Measurable:** How will achievements be measured?
- **Action-Oriented:** Is an action verb used to describe expected accomplishments?
- **Realistic:** Is the outcome achievable with given available resources?
- **Time-Sensitive:** What is the timeframe?

## STANDARD RESPONSE GOALS

- Protect the safety and health of all responders
- Save lives and reduce suffering
- Protect public health
- Protect critical infrastructure
- Protect property
- Protect the environment
- Reduce economic and social losses

## INITIAL SCENE SIZE-UP

- What is the nature of the incident?
- How large is the affected area?
- What hazards are present?
- Are there any potential safety risks?
- Could the situation worsen suddenly? How?
- How can the area be secured?
- What initial resources are required?
- Is this likely to be a prolonged incident?
- Which location would make a good staging area?
- Which access/egress routes would assist the flow of response personnel and equipment?
- Who do I need to notify about this? Who else should I notify?
- How can I ensure all responders are aware of perimeters and access/egress routes?
- Which location would be suitable for the Incident Command Post?
- Will a Mass Casualty Plan be needed and have local hospitals been alerted?

## TACTICAL PRIORITIES

- Assess the scene and determine the hazards/threats faced
- Establish a perimeter identifying hazard zones: Hot (Red), Warm (Yellow), Cold (Blue)
- Determine resource needs and ensure resource requests are made
- Stabilize the scene and ensure the safety of all involved
- Triage, treat, and transport the injured
- Evacuate those in harm's way
- Secure the scene for investigation
- Identify authorized Public Information Officer and coordinate information distribution with the media
- Begin recovery operations