
UNIT 5. ICS/EOC RELATIONSHIPS

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INTRODUCTION

Visual 5.1



Key Points


The purpose of this unit is to identify the responsibilities, authorities, interests, assets, and needs of the Incident Command and EOC organizations.


INTRODUCTION

Visual 5.2

Unit 5 Objectives

- Differentiate between the authorities and responsibilities assumed by the Incident Command and by the EOC.
- Identify common and complementary interests of the Incident Command and the EOC.
- Identify Incident Command and EOC needs and assets.



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The unit objectives are listed on the visual.

ACTIVITY: ICS AND EOC RELATIONSHIPS


Visual 5.3


Activity Instructions

Instructions: Use the worksheet to list the following for your organization (either Incident Command or EOC):

1. Your **authorities and responsibilities**.
2. The **interests** of your organization that may impact how you relate to your counterpart organization.
3. What you **need** from your counterpart organization—e.g., equipment, personnel, information.
4. Your **assets**—what you bring to the table.

Be prepared to present your group's responses in 20 minutes.

 Relationships Activity Worksheet

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Instructions:

Working in your assigned groups, use the Relationships Activity Worksheet to identify your group's:

- Primary authorities and responsibilities.
- Interests that may impact your interaction.
- Needs.
- Assets.

Select a spokesperson and be prepared to present your group's ideas in 20 minutes.

Relationships Activity Worksheet

Instructions: Complete the table below for your assigned group (Incident Command or EOC).

ICS and EOC Characteristics	
Group <input type="checkbox"/> Incident Command <input type="checkbox"/> EOC (Check one)	
Responsibilities/Authorities	
Interests	
Needs	Assets

ACTIVITY: ICS AND EOC RELATIONSHIPS

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Instructor Note: Possible Answers:

Responsibilities/Authorities:

Incident Command:

- On-scene management/command of incident
- Safety of responders and public

EOC:

- Broad policy support/direction
- Public safety
- Resource allocation support equipment/supplies
- Coordination of public information/messaging

Interests:

Incident Command:

- Safety
- Efficient resource management
- Effectiveness of response and recovery
- Well-informed public
- Accountability

EOC:

- Safety
- Efficient resource management
- Effectiveness of response and recovery
- Well-informed public
- Accountability

Needs:

Incident Command:

- Common operating picture
- Policy
- Communication support/messaging
- Resources (people, equipment/supplies)
- Information analysis
- Strategic, longer term planning

EOC:

- Common operating picture
- First-hand information
- Tactical, operations implementation

Assets:

Incident Command:

- First-hand information; situation awareness
- Tactical, operations expertise
- Focus on safety

EOC:

- Policy
- Communication support/messaging
- Resources
 - People
 - Equipment/supplies
 - Money
- “Big picture” view
 - GIS mapping
 - Computer analysis
 - Strategic, longer term planning

UNIT SUMMARY


Visual 5.4

Unit Summary

Incident Command and EOC similarities and differences:

- **Authorities**
- **Responsibilities**
- **Interests**
- **Needs**
- **Assets**



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Do you have any questions or comments about the material covered in this unit?