


ICS For EMS

You Took ICS 100 Now What?

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**So you took ICS 100
and above now
what??**

Does that make you an expert?

Who Took

- ICS 100
 - Why - because you were told to
- ICS 200
 - Why - you wanted to be a Lt / Captain
- ICS 300
 - Why - you wanted to be a chief
- ICS 400
 - Why - at this point why not



**Did any of these tell
you anything about
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Dispatch Information

- Respond to a possible plane crash at a local airport
- A Pre-hospital Providers “Dream Call” or
- Worst Nightmare

Where Does EMS Fall Into ICS

- The medical branch of ICS falls under the responsibility of operations.
- EMS falls under the medical branch



You Are The First Unit On The Scene

- Your crew includes a driver and new member just out of probationary class
 - I hope they know triage
- Who takes what role?
- What actions do you take?
- What are your goals?

You Are The First Unit on The Scene

- Senior member might take control
 - Incident Commander? – Maybe
 - Medical Branch Lead? – Most likely
- Assign one of the two crew members to start triaging victims
 - Triage Unit Leader? – Maybe
- Your third member might start taking just about everything out of the ambulance that might be needed during the initial response
 - Staging Officer – At the moment (YES)

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- What about all the roles we learned about in our ICS Classes
 - Liaison
 - PIO
 - Planning
 - Operations
 - Logistics
 - And my favorite Finance
- These can and should all be assigned later by the Incident Commander

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- More units begin to arrive, now what?
- Should be met by the staging officer
 - EMT and all others except the driver directed to remove specific equipment
 - Direct the driver to an ambulance staging area
 - Drivers stay with the unit
- What do we do with the crews?

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- Arriving Help??
 - Senior member of the agency can become the IC
 - IC appoints a Safety Officer
 - Treatment Unit Leader and Support Staff
 - Transportation Unit Leader and Support Staff
 - Support Staff for Staging Area

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- Staging Officer
 - Will ensure that ambulances remain ready to respond back to the scene to pick up patients and an EMT
 - Does it have to be their EMT
 - NO they will find each other later

Important Tip

- When do the stretchers come out of the ambulance?
- When the patient is ready for transport
- Why?
- Not all stretchers fit in every ambulance

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- Triage Unit
 - Responsible to triage all patients before any treatment is started
 - Account for patients within each patient category
 - Report to triage unit leader

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- Treatment Unit duties will vary depending of response times of mutual aid
- Treatment Unit
 - Led by ALS provider if possible
 - Does not treat patients
 - Responsible for secondary triage
 - Responsible for treatment of patients
 - You are in charge “LISTEN”

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- Transportation Unit
 - Works with treatment unit
 - Assists with transport between triage and treatment units
 - Assists moving patients to the appropriate ambulance
 - Maintains communication with area hospitals
 - Works with staging unit leader
 - Determines what hospital the patient goes to

Casualty Care Group

- This group will be responsible for mass casualties at a collection point
- Buzz word for hospital forward triage
- Buzz word for active shooter scenes

Pitfalls

- First unit on the scene does not know what to do – Lack of experience
- Command is not established
- Triage is not started
- Unit leaders are not established
- Freelancers
- Transport loses control of transportation assets
- Hospitals overwhelmed by inappropriate transport

Pitfalls

- Limited or no communication between unit leaders
 - Triage and transport
 - Triage and treatment
 - Treatment and Transportation
 - Transportation and Staging
 - Staging and local EMS / Hospitals

Pitfalls

- Lack of communication between agencies and agency types
- Lack of training
- Lack of inter-agency
 - Cooperation
 - Drills

Summary

- Makes sure you understand the EMS ICS roles
- Agencies need to meet with their counterparts
- Think out of the box
- Look at the big picture



QUESTIONS??

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