RESOURCE UNIT LEADER (RUL) JOB AID

Overview

Position: Resource Unit Leader

Personnel selected for this position need to have a good understanding of how the incident organization processes check-in, resource ordering, and resource tracking. They will need to have good communications and organizational skills. They must be able to use support personnel effectively throughout the organization, including check-in recorders and field observers. The RUL must be able to train support personnel to garner appropriate resource information from Division/Group supervisors while working in a field environment

Section: Planning Section

Mission:

To establish all incident check-in activities, prepare resource status information; maintain displays, charts and lists that reflect the current status and location of resources, transportation, and support vehicles; and to maintain a master check-in list of resources assigned to the incident. Key goals include:

- Track resources accurately
- Document organizational assignments
- Assemble Incident Action Plan
- Demobilize unit

Duties:

- Report to the planning section chief for situation briefing.
- Assemble resource display materials. Assign duties to resource unit personnel.
- Establish check-in function at incident locations.
- □ Establish the command post display on team organization and resources allocated based on incident briefing form (ICS Form 201).
- Confirm dispatch and estimated time of arrival of response personnel.
- Gather, post, and maintain incident resource status, as well as status of transportation and support vehicles and personnel.
- Maintain master roster of all resources checked in at the incident.
- □ Prepare organization assignment list (ICS Form 203) and organization chart (ICS form 207).
- Prepare appropriate parts of division assignments lists (ICS form 204).
- Provide resource summary information.

Overview (cont'd)

Below is a list of references that may be required while using References this job aid: Oil Spill Field Operations Guide (ICS OS-420-1) NIIMS ICS Position Manual, Resource Unit Leader (ICS NIIMS I-348 Resource Unit Leader Student Workbook NIIMS Task Book for Resource Unit Leader (RESL) (NFES 2337) **Materials** Ensure that these materials are available to the Resource Unit Leader during an incident, if not already provided in a unit or section specific support kit. □ ICS Forms Catalog ☐ Felt-tip pens/markers □ Black (10 fine and 5 wide) □ Assorted colors (10 fine and 5 wide) □ Ball point pens □ Black or blue (5 to 10) □ Sharpened pencils □ No. (2-5) □ Mechanical with extra leads (3-5) ☐ Large erasers (2) ☐ Lined paper (2 tablets) ☐ Clipboard with name ☐ Envelopes – brown and/or messenger ■ Medium size (5-10) □ Large size (5-10) ☐ Miscellaneous office supplies □ Tape – clear and masking (1 roll of each) □ White correction fluid (1-2 bottles) Stapler with extra staples □ Scissors (1 pair) □ Large clips (6-10) Paper clips and rubber bands □ Carbon paper (5-10 sheets) ☐ Portable (cloth) or metal T-card holders or rack (1-2) □ T-Cards □ White (50) □ Rose and green (25 each) □ Yellow (15) □ Tan (25) □ Blue and Orange (15) □ Gray (50)

Overview (cont'd)

Materials	The materials list is continued below.
(Cont'd)	☐ Miscellaneous
	 Resource Unit Position Guide (ICS 221-3) Resource Designation System (MACS 410-2) Crew Time reports (SF-261) Response Resource Inventory (RRI) Blank roster for assisting/cooperating agency and agency representative information Blank roster for stakeholder group and point of contact information Local Area Contingency Plan (ACP)/Unit OPLANS Portable computer, loaded with database of area stakeholder/political entities and ICS forms
	□ Internet capabilities
General Information	Use clear text and ICS terminology (no codes) in all radio transmissions.
	All radio communications to Incident Communications Center will be addressed: "(Incident Name) Communications".

General Tasks

Below are responsibilities to be performed immediately by the Resource Unit Leader.

STEP	ACTION		✓
1.	Receive assignment		
2.	Upon arrival at the incident, ensure check-in process has been set up at designated check-in locations. Check-in locations may be found at: • Incident Command Post		
	Base or Camps		
	 Staging Areas 		
	 Helibases 		
	NOTE: Seeing that inciproperly checked in is the Resource Unit Lead	the first responsibility of	
3.	IMPOF	RTANT!	
	IF	THEN	
	The check-in process has not been established	Complete job aid for "Accurately Tracked Resources" page 6	
		Go to Step 4	
	Check-in has been established	Go to Step 4	
4.	Obtain initial brief from Planning Section Chief Size and complexity of incident Expectations of the Incident Commander Incident objectives Agencies/organizations/stakeholders involved Incident activities/situation Special concerns Most recent Incident Action Plan (IAP)		
5.	Begin/maintain Unit Ac	tivity Log (ICS 214)	
6.	Acquire work materials	from pages 2 and 3	

Initial Actions (Cont'd)

General Tasks (Cont'd)

General tasks continue from the previous page

STEP	ACTION		✓
7.	Determine the unit's resource size. Adjust as necessary	ce needs and staff	
	IF	THEN	
	Resources unit has not been established	Go to job aid for "Accurately Tracked Resources", page 6	
	Resources unit is established	Go to Step 8	
8.	Organize, assign, and brief	cubordinatos	
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9.	Complete forms and reports required of assigned position and send material through supervisor to Documentation Unit		

Resource Check-in Use this job aid to establish check-in and resource tracking and to order personnel to staff the Resource Unit.

STEP	ACTION		✓	
1.	Determine which facilit RECORDERS	Determine which facilities need CHECK-IN RECORDERS		
	IF	THEN		
	Setting up INITIAL check-in locations	Post one Check-in Recorder at each:		
		Staging area		
		Boat ramp/ helibase		
		Division/group location		
		Bases/camps		
		• ICP		
		Other areas as needed		
	Setting up additional check-in locations to support EXTENDED response	Post one Check-in Recorder at each additional check-in location as they are needed		
2.	Enter the total number of Check-in Recorders needed for incident as determined in Step 1			
3.	If conducting 24 hour operations, multiply the result in Step 2 by 2; otherwise enter the number in Step 2			
4.	Enter the number of check-in recorders currently assigned			
5.	Subtract Step 4 from S here and in Step 12. TI Check-in Recorders sti	nis is the number of		

Accurately Tracked Resources (Cont'd)

Resource Check-in (Cont'd)

The job aid to establish check-in and resource tracking continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		✓
6.	Determine the number RECORDERS neede		
	IF number of Divisions is	THEN you need	
	2	1 Status Recorder	
	5	2 Status Recorders	
	10 or more	3 Status Recorders	
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7.	Enter the total numbe determined in Step 6		
8.	If conducting 24 hour operations, multiply the result in Step 7 by 2; otherwise enter the number in Step 7		
9.	Enter the number of Status Recorders currently assigned		
10.	Subtract Step 9 from here and in Step 12. Status Recorders still		

Accurately Tracked Resources (Cont'd)

Resource Check-in Job aid continues from preceding page. **(Cont'd)**

STEP	ACTION		✓
11.	IF Volunteer Coordinator	THEN	
	Is not assigned and not needed	RUL tracks volunteers Enter zero in Step 12 Post Volunteer Check- in Sheet for volunteers to sign and list their actual capabilities	
	Is not assigned but needed	If conducting 24 hour ops, enter 2 in Step 12; otherwise enter 1 Post Volunteer Checkin Sheet for volunteers to sign and list their actual capabilities	
	Is assigned	Volunteer Coordinator tracks volunteers If conducting 24 hour ops, enter 1 in Step 12; otherwise enter zero Pass Volunteer Checkin Sheets to Liaison Officer for informational purposes	

Resource Check-in Job aid continues from preceding page. **(Cont'd)**

STEP	ACTION			✓
12.	Determine personnel s Resource Unit	till needed to staff		
	1 for Resource Unit Le	If conducting 24 hour operations, enter 1 for Resource Unit Leaders still needed; otherwise enter zero		
	Enter number of Check still needed (from Step			
	Enter number of Status needed (from Step 10)	Recorders still		
	Enter number of Volunt Coordinators still needs 11)			
	Add up numbers entered above			
13.	Order personnel still needed (determined in Step 12) from SUL via Logistics			
14.	Obtain communication frequencies from Communications Unit Leader			
15.	Assign frequencies to Check-in Recorders in the field			
16.	Set up Communications method			
	IF Radio Link is	THEN Use		
	Good	Radio		
	Poor	Runners, drivers, phones	,	

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Resource Check-in Job aid continues from preceding page.

STEP	ACTION		✓
17.	Set up communications	s schedule	
	IF	THEN report check-in information to RUL	
	Initial build-up	Every 15-60 minutes	
	Day 2+	Upon request when directed	
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18.	Brief Check-in Recorde locations and procedur	•	
	IF check-in reporting location is	THEN get information from	
	Base or camp	Manager	
	Incident Command Post (ICP)	Resources Status Recorder	
	Helibase	Helibase Manager	
	Staging Area	Staging Area Manger	
	Division/group	Division Supervisor	
19.	Identify actual check-in locations with signs visible for 100 feet during both day and night		
20.	Mark travel route to check-in locations with arrows		
21.	Eliminate multiple repo	rting systems	
22.	Provide for reliefs		

Resource Display

Use this job aid to create the Resource Status Display and to fulfill the RUL's responsibility to document organizational assignments.

ST EP	ACTION			✓
1.	Review status display and the following information sources:			
	First unit on scene or responding			
	IC briefing			
	Section Chie	ef briefing		
	• ICS 201			
	 IAP briefing 			
	• SITREPs, P	OLREPs or TACF	REPs	
	• Line or on s	cene personnel		
	Check-in loc	cations		
2.	Create the statu below	us display using th	ne decision table	
	IF	THEN prepare the following forms	AND display them	
	In initial	ICS 207	Immediately	
	response mode	ICS 209 (resources & agencies section)	Immediately	
		ICS 201-4 (list of resources)	When obtained	
	In extended response/ ops mode	The above listed forms	When updated for IAP preparation or on the basis of resource status changes	
		ICS 219(s) (T- cards) to replace the ICS 201-4	When completed and/or updated	

Resource Display

Job aid continued from previous page.

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STEP	ACTION			√
3.	Transcribe Check-in lists (ICS 211) and Resource Lists (ICS 201-4) onto T-cards (ICS 219)			
	NOTE: Can	atus Recorders.		
4.		S 219(s) to accurat inization as reflecte 3's		
5.	Verify that re ordered for the	sources checked-i ne incident	n were actually	
6.		riate personnel on e resource status c		
	IF	COORDINATE S or OBSERVES	THEN	
	Operations Section Chief	Resource Status Changes:	They SHALL communicate the change in	
	Branch Director(s)	AssignedAvailable	status to the COMM Center/COM	
	Division/ Group Supervisor s	Out of service OR	M Unit Leader	
	Field Observers	Field • Incident		
	IF	RECEIVES	THEN	
	COMM Center personnel or the COMM Unit Leader	Communication of Resource Status Changes in the incident	Fill out Resource Status Change (ICS 210) & forward to RUL	

Resource Display (cont'd)

Use this job aid below to organize assignments.

STEP	ACTION		✓	
7.		urce Status Display into cks as the incident grows in y:		
	IF Incident Complexity	THEN		
	Expands beyond in 12 hour shift with d and night tactical watches	T I FIEDALE SEDALATE		
	Adds divisions	Volunteers		
	Adds groups	Support vehicles		
	Acquires and extensive list of support vehicles	Display them as a part of the Resource Status Display		
	Acquires extensive volunteers			
8.	reflects field operat	ce Status Display accurately cions approved in the most ollowing personnel can be		
	Division/6	Group Supervisors		
	 Field obs 	servers		
	Check-in	Recorders		
	IF	THEN		
	2-3 hours into operational period Coordinate verification effort with Ops Section Chief			
	OR	Dispatch field observers		
	Preparing for tactics meeting	and/or query Division Supervisors		
	Otherwise	Update status as changes occur and as necessary		

Accurately Tracked Resources (cont'd)

Resource Display (cont'd)

The check list is continued below.

STEP	ACTION	✓
9.	Submit updated resource status change information to Status Recorder	
10.	Update ICS 219(s), 203, 209, 207	
11.	Maintain a master list of checked in resources (ICS 211), completed check-in sheets (ICS 201-4), copies of resource orders, status change cards (ICS 210) and the unit log (ICS 214) for documentation	
12.	Act as Demobilization Unit Leader if assigned by Planning Section Chief	

Organizational Assignments Documented

(ICS 215)

Operational Use this job aid to determine the quantity and assignments of **Planning Worksheet** resources needed for the next operational period.

STEP	ACTION	✓
1.	Attend tactics meeting	
2.	Fill out draft ICS 215 with Operations & Planning Section Chiefs	
3.	Enlarge completed ICS 215 to poster size	
4.	Attend Planning Meeting	
5.	Post enlarged ICS 215 in meeting area	
6.	Lead discussion on resources by using ICS 215, make changes and get final approval from IC	
7.	Prepare resource orders using ICS 213	
8.	Provide finalized copy of ICS 215 and resource orders to Logistics Section Chief	
9.	Record reporting location (Block 7, ICS 215) onto NOTES block on ICS 219	
10.	Fill out ICS 203 for next operational period using ICS 215, ICS 211, IC 209, ICS 207	
11.	Send copy of ICS 203 to Situation Unit Leader; keep copy for IAP	
12.	Fill out ICS 204 for next operational period using ICS 215 and ICS 205	
13.	Send copy of ICS 204 to Operations Section Chief; keep copy for IAP	
14.	Forward completed ICS 215 to Planning Section Chief for approval	

General Tasks

Use the check-list to guide assembly of the IAP.

STEP ACTION					✓	
1. Gather forms						
	Form # (Name)		Prepared By	Draft	Fina	I
	IAP C	Cover	SUL			
		202 (Response ctives)	PSC			
		203 (Organization Inments)	RUL			
	ICS 204 (Division/Group Assignment)		OPS/RUL			
	ICS 2 (Com	205 Imunications Plan)	Comms Unit Leader			
	ICS 206 (Medical Plan)		Medical Unit Leader			
	ICS 232 (Resources at Risk)		SUL			
	ICS-OS-209		SUL/RUL			
	ICS 2	220	OPS			
	Daily Safety Message Traffic Plan*		Safety Officer			
			Ground Support Unit Leader			
Incident map(s)		SUL				
	Demobilization Plan*		Demob Unit Leader			
	*As	necessary		·		-
2. Go through all forms to check for completeness						

Assemble Incident Action Plan (IAP)

General Tasks (Cont'd)

The check-list for assembling the IAP is continued below.

STEP	ACTION	✓
3.	Talk to person responsible for completing each form to get missing information	
4.	Enter missing information	
5.	Combine forms in the order listed in Step 1	
6.	Attach Incident Action Plan cover sheet	
7	Forward completed draft Incident Action Plan to the Planning Section Chief	

Section/Unit Demobilized

Demobilization Tasks

Below are demobilization responsibilities applicable to all personnel assigned to this section/unit.

STEP	ACTION	
1.	Receive Demobilization Plan from Demobilization Unit Leader/Planning Section Chief	
2.	Brief subordinates regarding demobilization	
3.	Supervise demobilization of unit, including storage of supplies	
4.	Provide Supply Unit Leader with a list of supplies to be replenished	
5.	Forward all Section/Unit documentation to Documentation Unit	
6.	Complete Check-out Sheet	

Information Exchange Matrix

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Inputs/OutputsBelow is an input/output matrix to assist the Resource Unit leader in exchanging information with other ICS positions.

MEET With	WHEN	RUL OBTAINS	RUL PROVIDES
Incident Commander	Initial incident brief	ICS 201-4	
	OPS briefing	Shifts in tactics	
		Resource Status	
	Planning meeting	Approved list of resources to be ordered	ICS 215, present final form for IC approval
Planning Section Chief	Initially upon arrival at incident	Special instructions	
	Tactics pre- planning meeting	Objectives	ICS 215, fill out with PSC and OPS
		Change in tactics, assignments, resource status	Current state of resources on scene and available
			ICS 202, fill out during meeting
	Section	Directions from	Brief of unit performance
	meeting	PSC Daily meeting schedule	All work products
	IAP preparation meeting	Deadline for preparation of draft IAP	Status of when the following forms will be ready: ICS 202, 203, 204, 207
Resource Unit	Upon arrival	List of names	Assignments
Personnel	at incident and when ordered personnel arrive on scene	Qualifications	Tasking
Check-in Recorders			Check-in procedures
Status Recorders			
Volunteer Coordinator(s)			
Situation Unit Leader	Planning Meeting	Future projections for incident	Resource Status information so SUL can fill out ICS 202

Information Exchange Matrix (continued)

Inputs/Outputs

MEET With	WHEN	RUL OBTAINS	RUL PROVIDES		
Operations Section Chief	Tactics pre- planning meeting	Objectives Changes in tactics, assignments, resource status	ICS 215, fill out with OPS and PSC Current status of resources available		
			ICS 202, fill out during meeting		
	2-3 hours into current operational period	Approval to use OPS personnel as field verifiers	Directions on conducting field verification (ICS 211 Check-in Lists and ICS 204-4 Resource Lists)		
	Prior to tactics pre-planning meeting				
	Completing/ updating ICS 203 and 204	Division/Group assignments	Final ICS 215		
			ICS 203 and 204		
Logistics	As needed	Supplies, communications equipment and work space Status of transportation and support vehicles	Resource orders on ICS 213		
Sections Chief			Copy of ICS 211's		
			Copy of current approved ICS 215		
			213		
		Cross check of orders to verify what was checked-in			