



**LOCATION:**  
*262 Cottage Street, Littleton  
AHEAD Conference Room (1st Flr.)*

**PURPOSE:** *To familiarize executive /senior officials (elected officials, city/county managers, agency administrators, etc.) with Incident Command Systems (ICS) principals and their role in supporting incident management*

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(by September 20th):**

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## Q & A

**Q. What is the Incident Command System (ICS) designed to do?**

**A:** The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of on-scene incident management, providing a common hierarchy within which personnel from multiple organizations can be effective.

ICS is the combination of procedures, personnel, facilities, equipment, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, designed to aid in the management of on-scene resources during incidents. It is used for all kinds of incidents and is applicable to small, as well as large and complex, incidents, including planned events.

Using ICS for every incident helps hone and maintain skills needed to coordinate efforts effectively. ICS is used by all levels of government as well as by many NGOs and private sector organizations. ICS applies across disciplines and enables incident managers from different organizations to work together seamlessly. This system includes five major functional areas, staffed as needed, for a given incident: Command, Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration.

**Q. What is the role of elected and appointed officials during an incident?**

**A:** Elected and appointed officials are responsible for ensuring the public safety and welfare of the people of that jurisdiction. Specifically, these officials provide strategic guidance and resources during preparedness, response and recovery efforts. Elected or appointed officials must have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities for successful emergency management and response. At times, these roles may require providing direction and guidance to constituents during an incident but their day-to-day activities do not focus on emergency management and response. Their awareness of NIMS (National Incident Management System) is critical to ensuring cooperative response efforts and minimizing the incident impacts.

Click the [ICS 402](#) link to access training event flyer.

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