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Background: After a size-up is completed, the officer begins the process of developing an incident action plan. A formal incident action plan should be used at all incidents. The incident action plan (IAP) will accomplish two major responsibilities of the officer, the identification of the incident strategy and the assignment of the tactics that achieve the strategy. The IAP can be both verbal and/or written. In some situations, the formal IAP will be developed by the Planning Section Officer. Department SOP's/SOG's will often guide the decision making process by outlining the actions that should be taken by each member of the company.

Incident Action Plan Content

- Defined objectives for a specific period
- Possible hazard identification
- Safety precautions
- Objective assignments
- Current incident status
- Organizational structure
- Other locally defined information

See NIMS ICS Form 202 for examples



Note the similarities and differences between these two incident management tools.

Command Board or Tactical Worksheet Content

- Incident type & Strategy
- Tactical objectives to be completed
- Time benchmarks
- Resources available and committed
- Crew accountability
- IMS Position identification
- Incident area or scene sketch
- Safety considerations

Review your Tactical Worksheet

Priorities within the Incident

<u>Life Safety</u> <i>Priority One</i>	<u>Incident Stabilization</u> <i>Priority Two</i>	<u>Property Conservation</u> <i>Priority Three</i>
<u>Firefighter Safety Takes Priority Over All Decisions and Priority Assignment</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Search & Rescue • Medical Aid and Care • Evacuation and Relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Confinement • Extinguishment • Ventilation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvage, Overhaul • Defensive Exposure Protection Positions • Smoke & Water Removal

Training Activity

Review your departments Tactical Worksheet/Command Board for the content and information that would be required during an incident. *This is a form of an Incident Action Plan*