Course: Basic Firefighter Refresher Training

Lesson/Job Title: Leadership & Incident Command

Level of Instruction: Basic **Clock Time:** 1:00:00

Type of Lesson: Cognitive

Objective(s): Terminal Objective: Given a period of instruction the

firefighter shall describe in their own words three

operational principles and explain each in accordance with IFSTA "Essentials of Fire Fighting" 6th Edition Chapter 1.

Enabling Objective: Given a period of instruction on the Incident Command System the firefighter shall recite the main roles or components of the command and general staff in accordance with FEMA's IS-100 course materials.

Enabling Objective: Given a period of instruction the firefighter shall be able to list at least two recommended best practices for radio communications in the fire service

with 100% accuracy.

Training Aids: Laptop, projector

Classroom/Drill Facility: Main Hall – Massena Fire Department

References: IFSTA "Essentials of Firefighting" 6th Edition Chapter 1,

FEMA "Introduction to the Incident Command System" IS-

100b

Method of Instruction: Lecture with discussion and illustration

Student Preparation: Students should read IFSTA "Essentials of Firefighting" 6th

Edition Chapter 1

Student Assignment: N/A



I.	PREPARATION	SLIDE 1
	A. Introduce self	CLOCK: 00:00
	B. Terminal Objective: Given a period of instruction the firefighter shall describe in their own words three operational principles and explain each in accordance with IFSTA "Essentials of Fire Fighting" 6 th Edition Chapter 1.	SLIDE 2
	C. Enabling Objective: Given a period of instruction on the Incident Command System the firefighter shall recite the five main roles or components in the Incident Command Staff in accordance with FEMA's IS-100 course materials.	SLIDE 3
	D. Enabling Objective: Given a period of instruction the firefighter shall be able to list at least two recommended best practices for radio communications in the fire service with 100% accuracy.	
	E. Students should read IFSTA "Essentials of Firefighting" 6 th Edition Chapter 1	
	F. Safety: In the event of a fire or other emergency we will move as a group out of the classroom and follow emergency exit signs until clear of the building and conduct a head count	
	G. Introduce lesson	
II.	PRESENTATION	
	 Organizational Principles 	SLIDE 4
	 Division of Labor Larger jobs split into smaller ones Fire scene is an example Eliminates duplication of efforts Clarifies job responsibilities 	CLOCK: 02:00 Discuss Fire Scene Example – Multiple smaller task
	 Unity of Command You can only report to one person What happens on a fire scene when multiple people give one person orders? 	SLIDE 5



0	Span of Control	SLIDE 6
	• How many can you really supervise?	
	3-7, 5 being optimal	
	 Also how many groups (Ex. Massena 	
	Chief controls 3 companies)	
0	Discipline Not in a punitive way Clear expectations of requirements and	SLIDE 7
	 Clear expectations of requirements and following through on enforcing them Hard to accomplish in volunteer departments sometimes where people are more friends than co-workers. Need to balance the need for enforcement with the need to maintain relationships. You can't always be the good guy. 	
❖ Leadership & Implementing Organizational Principles		CLOCK: 06:30 SLIDE 8
0	Need to be fair while setting and enforcing expectations	
0	Need to be a good communicator Listen more than you talk Solicit feedback	SLIDE 9
0	Everyone makes mistakes Admit them, own them and move on	SLIDE 10 SLIDE 11
	 Blaming others hurts your credibility 	SLIDE II
0	It's okay to admit you don't know it all "I don't know but I will find out"	
0	Be decisive It's okay to think things over Don't be so scared to make the wrong decision you fail to make any	SLIDE 12
0	Don't take on too much Learn to delegate utilizing organizational principles	SLIDE 13



Incident Command in Action

- Incident Priorities
 - Life Safety
 - Ours and then theirs
 - Incident stabilization
 - Don't make it worse
 - Property Conservation
 - Salvage & Overhaul
 - Lost art
 - We'll add a fourth
 - Remember this is the age of Facebook live where we should act at every incident as though we are being recorded
 - Show empathy
- Incident Action Plan
 - Sets goals and objectives for incident
 - Sets period of operational time
- Incident Commander
 - In overall control of the event
 - ESTABLISH COMMAND
 - For small scale incidents the IC may assume all roles
 - Typically, the most senior officer on scene at the beginning
 - Maybe be transferred or relinquished
 - Appoints COMMAND STAFF for larger incidents
- Command Staff
 - Information Officer
 - Will be the point of contact for media
 - Safety Officer
 - Monitors safety conditions and makes plans to maintain responder safety
 - Liason Officer
 - Coordinates between IC and various agencies and resources

CLOCK: 12:00 SLIDE 15 – Play Video to introduce incident priorities then transition to SLIDE 16

Empathy: The old saying "Everybody goes home". Remember everybody EXCEPT the homeowner. This could be your 5th emergency of the day, might be their first in a lifetime

SLIDE 17

SLIDE 18



o General Staff

- Planning Section
 - IC will fulfill this function at small incidents
 - Collects, disseminates and uses information about the incident to plan and arrange resources
- Operations Section
 - IC will fulfill this function at small incidents
 - Implements actions laid out in the Incident Action Plan
- Logistics Section
 - IC will fulfill this function at small incidents
 - Arranges facilities, materials and personnel to meet incident need
- Finance/Administration
 - IC will fulfill this function at small incidents
 - Tracks and records expenditures and justifies to allow for reimbursement

* Radio Protocol Reminder

- o Hey you! It's me!
 - Remember: State the person you are calling first, followed by who you are
 - Police are the holdouts. They do the reverse of worldwide standard protocol
- Use common terminology and phrasing
- Speak clearly and concisely
- Establishing Command
 - Who you are calling
 - Who you are
 - That you are establishing command
 - Where you will be

SLIDE 19

CLOCK: 18:00 SLIDE 20

SLIDE 21



III. APPLICATION

Group Discussion: Radio Procedures

CLOCK: 23:00 SLIDE 22

- Give students the following examples and correct to ensure proper sequence: Hey you, it's me!
 - Engine 31 calling Central Dispatch
 - 23-1 calling Massena Station to notify St. Lawrence Gas of a leak
 - 23-3 calling Engine 31
 - 23-7 calling 23-1
 - Massena Station calling Central Dispatch

IV. EVALUATION

- A. Pass out prepared 5-question test for individual completion (rotate available tests from stock) allow 5 minutes for completion.
- B. Collect tests and answer sheets
- C. Review test

V. CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

- A. Comment on evaluation
- B. Restate learning objectives
- C. Summarize lesson in own words hitting all key points
- D. Next assignment
- E. Thank you for coming!

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SLIDE 23

DISCUSS: Not letting authority go to your head

