**AREA COMMAND (AC) COMPLEXITY INDICATORS**

**Guide for ACT Engagement**

**Incident: Date:**

**\*\* Check all that apply – Current date/time and expected over next 72-96 hours \*\***

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| **FACTORS** | **YES** | **NO** |
| * Multiple incident management organizations (IMT’s of varying types) are assigned on a single administrative unit or several adjoining units that can be combined into a single Area Command.
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| * Local resources and managers need incident management assistance for multi-jurisdictional incidents that may/will incur a unified command organization and/or cost share agreements; may be single incident with multiple IMT’s.
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| * Response trends, and/or planning level, political, media, or public concerns are escalating from local to state/regional level and may rise to national levels (ex: PL’s, military activation, FEMA and/or FMAG involvement, etc).
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| * Incident reporting or communication requirements are diverse, time-sensitive, and/or require consolidation and clarity.
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| * Incidents are having difficulty achieving objectives.
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| * Intricate local land and resource management objectives and constraints exist and require close oversight for compliance.
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| * Special circumstances that warrant additional management oversight and support (including but not limited to serious injuries, fatalities, equipment accidents, special non-fire events happening locally, etc.) are occurring/impacting agency oversight.
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| * Key unit leadership is absent, operating beyond scope of training/experience, or multiple Acting/detailed members (AA’s, LOs, Agency Reps, FMOs, etc) are present/needed: Fatigue of these individuals is becoming a factor and will not improve for some time.
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| * Significant events are predicted that will impact success (ex: severe weather, large public events, substantial increase of initial attack, etc.)
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| * Complex, long-term or multiple incidents are exceeding acceptable agency administrator and fire program manager span of control.
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| * Multiple incidents and administrative units are competing for resources: Incident prioritization, allocation of scarce resources, coordinating the sharing of critical resources, and application and management of surge resources can reduce competition and facilitate more efficient operations.
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| * A *Theater of Operations* concept is present in the thinking, planning, and operational choices of decision makers: A greater commitment to long-term strategy/planning is warranted to better utilize resources and manage incidents.
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| **TOTAL**  |  |  |
| **0-2 YES****ACT *may not* be required, but can be ordered if YES items are significant** | **3-6 YES*****Consider* ordering ACT: if not, monitor indicators closely and reconsider if additional YES indicators are noted** | **6+ YES****ACT *recommended*** |

**Signature:**

**Title: Time:**