

ICS-209 Tips

The ICS-209 is a very important document for setting fire and resource allocation priorities within the GACC.

- Block 15. It is important to have accurate acres for the fire. It is used to show the progression of the fire and gives an indicator of level of commitment needed by the fire
- Block 16. % containment is very important to be as accurate as possible. This is used a weighing factor for ranking each fire.
- Block 17. Expected containment date is very important as an indicator of the level of commitment to the fire. Also the date helps MAC look for potential release of resources for new assignments.
- Block 18. Line to build helps indicate the amount of work required for the fire and justifies the need for crews.
- Block 25. Threat to human life/safety it is important to be accurate with this block. These should change as conditions change. Be timely and accurate.
- Block 26. These time frames are very important as to anticipate the immediacy of the fire needs and helps with dispatch to find resources for the fire. Need to be realistic on these.
- Block 27. Values at risk are key component for setting daily priorities. It is very important to keep these up to date. As the fire progresses and line is completed these should change as conditions change.
- Block 28. Critical Resource needs help identify what is needed by time and helps dispatch prioritize resource needs and R MAC allocates scarce resources. **This includes the type, kind and number of operational periods for each resource.** Do not use this block to keep resources on the incident.
- Block 43. Committed Resources are important to show as accurately as possible. The information is reviewed and used when allocating or reallocating resources by both the Geographic and National levels.