

Intelligence Gathering

for the Initial Attack Dispatcher

ICS209

Used to report large wildland fires and other significant events on lands under federal protection or federal ownership, and is submitted to the GACC. Lands administered by states and other federal cooperators may also report in this manner.

PURPOSE AND REQUIREMENTS

A "snapshot in time" of a given incidents current situation. Provides the intended audience a description of the current incident summary, resources that are committed and needed, threats the incident poses, what has been accomplished and what is anticipated over the next 72 hours.

Intended to be used when an incident reaches a certain threshold where it becomes significant enough to merit special attention, require additional resource support needs, or cause media attention, increased public safety threat, etc.

HOW IT IS USED

OPERATIONAL DECISION SUPPORT

Identify appropriate resource needs, determine allocation of limited resources when multiple incidents occur, and secure additional capability when there are limited resources due to constraints of time, distance, or other factors.

DETERMINE PRIORITIES

The information included influences the priority of the incident at the local, GACC, and national level. Resource allocation and incident support are driven by this document.

COMMON PROBLEMS

- Submittal requirements not met
- Information not current
- Committed resources are incorrect
- Visiting IMTs not granted access

INFORMATION SOURCES

1. Dispatch specific programs (CAD, ROSS, etc.). Some examples of specific blocks include:
 - a. Incident number.
 - b. Incident start date/time
 - c. Percent contained.
 - d. Location of incident.
 - e. Resources Assigned
2. Incident Commander. Some examples of specific blocks include:
 - a. Fire behavior
 - b. Fuels involved
 - c. Damage Assessment
 - d. Projected Incident Activity
 - e. Strategic Objectives.
 - f. Critical Resource Needs
3. Spot Weather Forecast or NWS forecasts
 - a. Weather Concerns
4. Fire Behavior Analysis
 - a. WFDSS

DATA ENTRY TABS

Header Location Summary Additional Decision Support Resource Commitment Summary Approval And Routing

Daily Fire Statistics Planned Rx Remarks YTD Statistics Incident Priority

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Answers the following questions:

- How much fire activity is occurring?
- How much prescribed fire activity is planned?
- How do our statistics (YTD) stack up against other years?

PURPOSE AND REQUIREMENTS

A "big picture" view of fire activity. Intended to inform the public and media about fire activity on state and federal lands and to help agency managers anticipate resource demands and decide where resources can be used most effectively. Includes an RX component - both planned and actuals.

Specific requirements outlined in GACC and National Mob Guides. The data is entered at all levels of the dispatch/coordination system.

HOW IT IS USED

Each GACC produces a Geographic Area Situation Report, which is posted on the GACC's website.

OPERATIONAL DECISION SUPPORT

Communicates the level of fire activity in order to allow managers to identify trends and plan based on preparedness levels, fire danger levels, ongoing uncontained incidents, and the amount of fire on the ground.

IDENTIFY AND COMMUNICATE PRIORITIES
Incidents are rated and documented from the local to GACC to National level in order to communicate each level's order of incident priorities.

Information is also widely used for briefings and other purposes. Generally, the higher the level of the office issuing the product, the less detailed the information is.

COMMON PROBLEMS

- Distinguishing between Protection and Jurisdiction
- Information not current
- Acres missing or misreported
- Making corrections in Daily and not YTD tab

INFORMATION SOURCES

1. ICS209s
 - a. Large fire acreage increases/decreases
 - b. Determining incident priorities
2. Local Initial Attack dispatcher(s)
 - a. New IA fires/acres (including RX)
 - b. WFDSS
3. WIMS/NFDRS/MESOWEST
 - a. Fire danger/fuels
4. Fire weather forecasts/outlooks
 - a. PSAs

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ROLES - SCOPE: LOCAL - GACC - NATIONAL/AUTHORITY: REPORT - ENTRY - MANAGER