Rail Car Incident Response

Emergency Management

Response – Scene Safety

- □ 1. Scene safety perimeter control
- \Box 2. What are the hazards / life safety threats?
 - □ Safety considerations for emergency responders on-site

Establishing a command structure early

- □ 1. Where is the incident command post located?
 - a. Identify a structure, vehicle, or command trailer to use as the incident command post
- **2.** Identify roles (Incident Command or Unified Command)
- □ 3. Incident command vests
- □ 4. Delegation of duties as needed
- □ 5. Note taker for Incident Command and/or EMA
- **6.** Identify the Railroad Incident Command contact(s)
- 7. Integrate Railroad Incident Command / Liaison into the local Incident Command System / Post
- **8.** Briefing Schedule / Situation Updates





Personal Accountability

- □ 1. Check-in and check-out location
- □ 2. Site access perimeter control
- **3.** Vehicle markings for multi-day events (if needed)
- **4.** Time Recorder (paper-copy or digital copy ex. Salamander Tag/Track)

Incident Priorities

- □ 1. Life Safety
- □ 2. Incident Stabilization
- □ 3. Property Conservation

Evacuation Assessment (Sheltering Needs)

- □ 1. Does anyone need to evacuate their residence or business due to the incident?
- □ 2. How are people going to be notified about the evacuation order? (door-to-door, Alert lowa, IPAWS, etc.)
- □ 3. Contact local media about the evacuation order (provide a map of the area included in the evacuation order)
- □ 4. Sheltering Needs
 - □ a. Local shelter locations
 - □ b. Shelter resources (local volunteers, Red Cross, etc.)
 - □ c. Reception Center
 - □ d. Notify the individuals from the evacuation area and the local media contacts about the reception center and/or shelter location(s)

Communication

- **1.** On-scene communication (What radio channel(s) to use?)
- **2.** Contact the IHSEMD Duty Officer to provide situational awareness over the incident
- **3.** Local Public Information Officer identified

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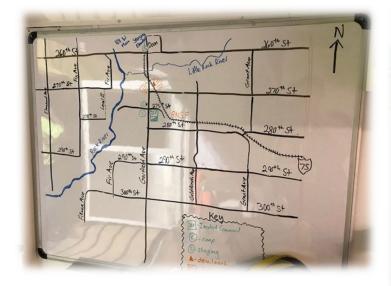
- **4.** Who is the Railroad Public Information Officer
- **5.** Local media contacts / media staging / rumor control
- Communicating situation updates with local elected officials / county / city management

Logistics - Service and Support

- □ Restroom Needs (facilities nearby or port-a-pot resources)
- □ Food options for emergency responders
- Breaks for individuals doing traffic / perimeter control
- □ Scene lighting (visibility for night operations)
- □ Communicate where the food and bathroom resources are located

Documentation

- **1.** Incident Action Plan (save all documentation)
- \square 2. Map of the incident site
- □ 3. ICS 214 Activity Log, and ICS 208 Safety Message
- ICS 206 Medical Plan (Where are the two nearest hospitals located? What local ambulance resources are available (ALS or BLS)?





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Weather Support

- □ Weather Forecast (current and future weather conditions)
- Contact your local National Weather Service office (situation reports, plume modeling, etc.)

Hazmat Resources

- □ Contact your local hazmat team (is an on-site response needed)
- □ Plume modeling based on the hazard(s), weather conditions, incident scene location
- □ Identify the railroad hazmat contact

Drone Support

- □ Aerial photos / video of the incident
- □ Ability to share the aerial photos and/or video with the hazmat team and Railroad Incident Command

