



# Rail Car Incident Response

## *Emergency Management*

### Response – Scene Safety

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

### Establishing a command structure early

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- ☐ 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



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### Personal Accountability

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- ☐ 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

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

### Evacuation Assessment (Sheltering Needs)

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- ☐ 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 Iowa, 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

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- ☐ 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
- ☐ 6. 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)
- ☐ 2. Map of the incident site
- ☐ 3. ICS 214 – Activity Log, and ICS 208 – Safety Message
- ☐ 4. ICS 206 – Medical Plan (Where are the two nearest hospitals located? What local ambulance resources are available (ALS or BLS)?





## 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

