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A Quick Guide of What you Need to Know

2 Of 2 required MRC Trainings

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The Incident Command System (ICS)

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

GO HEALTH MRC Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health)

The ICS is a standardized way to manage incidents that:

- Is part of the broader National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Works for any type of incident regardless of size, cause, or complexity
- Can be used either for emergencies or planned events
- · Helps different agencies and jurisdictions work together
- Sets up common processes for planning and resource management
- Allows for integration of resources (facilities, equipment, personnel) in one system
- Involves everyone in emergency response, including volunteers

Why is understanding ICS important?

Having a better understanding of the ICS structure and process helps different agencies work together in unprecedented ways at times of emergency. It also:

- Helps agencies cooperate during emergencies
- Promotes teamwork and collaboration
- Clarifies the chain of command and responsibilities
- Improves accountability
- Offers a structured planning process with common terms
- Uses a common, flexible, predesigned management structure
- Allows diverse groups to work together effectively and safely under pressure

How to complete ICS Training for MRC:

- 1. Take the FEMA Course online here: https://bit.ly/3KVypLv
- 2. To complete the final exam, you will need to log-in or create a free FEMA account.
- 3. Complete the final exam and email the completed certificate to David.Bell@geneseeny.gov or Cora.Young@orleanscountyny.gov



Incident Command System Structure



ICS Positions and Sections:

Incident Commander: Has overall responsibility for the incident, sets priorities, and determines incident objectives and strategies. Also determines the ICS organization needed to manage the incident.

Public Information Officer: Communicates information to the public.

Safety Officer: Ensures safety of community members, volunteers, and responders.

Liaison Officer: Acts as the point of contact for agency representatives, maintains a list of assisting and cooperating agencies and representatives, and assists in setting up and coordinating interagency contacts.

Operations Section Chief: Develops tactical organization and directs resources for incident response.

Planning Section Chief: Develops Incident Action Plan to accomplish the objectives.

Logistics Section Chief: Provides resources and services needed to support the incident.

Finance/Admin Section Chief: Monitors incident-related costs and provides overall fiscal guidance.