



MODULE 6: SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN WILDLAND FIRES

OBJECTIVES

- List types of Incident Management Teams (IMTs).
- Identify prequalifications for assistance in wildland fire operations.
- Identify functions of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in wildland fire incidents.
- Identify EMS responsibilities and processes for setting up the initial Medical Unit.

OBJECTIVES (cont'd)

- Identify elements of proper gear and documentation for EMS personnel in wildland fire incidents.
- Explain importance of preparing in advance for wildland fires.

WILDLAND FIRE HAZARDS

- Tremendous potential to generate injuries or illnesses.
- Responding to wildland fire incident.
 - Need personnel with sharp tools, saws and heavy equipment.
 - Sudden change in fire direction can result in smoke inhalation or burns.
 - Firefighters may have to respond in areas with a variety of animals, insects and reptiles.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Wildland fires are costly, and reimbursement depends heavily on proper documentation.
- IMTs manage wildland fire operations.
 - Ensure methodical management of structure of a wildland fire.
 - Are classified as Type 3, Type 2 or Type 1.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM TYPES

- Type 3:
 - State or regional multiagency/multijurisdictional team for extended incidents.
 - Deployed as team of 10 to 20 trained personnel.
 - May also initially manage larger, more complex incidents that are later transitioned to a Type 2 or Type 1 IMT.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM TYPES (cont'd)

- Type 2:
 - National or state team for incidents of regional significance.
 - Deployed as team of 20 to 35.
- Type 1:
 - National or state team for incidents of national significance.
 - Deployed as team of 35 to 50.

PREQUALIFICATIONS

- Courses under National Wildfire Coordinating Group:
 - S-110 (Basic Wildland Fire Suppression Orientation).
 - S-130 (Firefighter Training).
 - S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior).
- Obtain “Red Card.”
- Resource Ordering and Status System.

Qualification Card Incident Command System			
NAME	MIKE STERN		QUALIFICATION/SS NO.
RE/STAR	RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION	UNIT NAME	FITNESS YEAR
COS	GRAND CO EMS	ARD	07
QUALIFIED JOBS			
FIREFIGHTER II			
MEDL			
PARAMEDIC			
ON THE JOB TRAINING NEEDS			
APPROVED	[Signature]		TITLE
			DISTRICT FORESTER

EMS FUNCTIONS IN WILDLAND FIRE INCIDENTS

- Line emergency medical technician:
 - Support firefighters directly engaged in firefighting operations.
 - Equipped with supplies to handle lacerations, exhaustion, eye injuries and other emergencies.
- EMS Units in Base, Camp, Branch or Division.
 - Support various injuries or illnesses arising from operations.

EMS FUNCTIONS IN WILDLAND FIRE INCIDENTS (cont'd)

- EMS Branch, Group or Unit:
 - Operate when wildland fire creates risk to civilian population.
 - May operate in an area where an evacuation is occurring.

EMS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SETTING UP INITIAL MEDICAL UNIT

Medical Unit Leader responsible for:

- Developing.
 - Incident Command System (ICS) Form 206, Medical Plan.
 - ICS Form 214, Unit Log.
- Obtaining medical aid and transportation for injured and ill incident personnel.
- Establishing responder rehabilitation.
- Preparing reports and records.

PROCESS FOR FIRST EMS ON-SCENE TO SET UP MEDICAL UNIT

- Get briefing from Incident Commander.
- Reinforce situational awareness.
- Order and distribute EMS resources.
- Provide adequate documentation.
- Provide adequate coverage.
- Fill out.
 - ICS Form 206.
 - ICS Form 214.

GEAR

Whatever role is assigned to the EMS provider at the scene of a wildland incident, it is important to have or be issued the proper gear. This includes:

- Proper protective clothing.
- A fire shelter.
- Water.
- Communications.
- Clear orders and situational awareness.



DOCUMENTATION

- Obtain tasking number:
 - Required for you to get paid or reimbursed for any services, equipment or supplies.
- Complete:
 - ICS Form 206.
 - ICS Form 214.

PREPARING IN ADVANCE

- Supplement EMS, rehab or medical care for responders under direction of Medical Unit Leader until team with proper qualifications arrives.
- Obtain proper qualifications and credentialing prior to an incident.
- Ensure backfill or mutual-aid coverage for service area, so as not to underserve existing populations.



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