

Incident Command System Safety Officer (SOFR)

Overview

User This job aid is designed for anyone who is assigned as Safety Officer, when the Incident Command System (ICS) is used.

When to Use A Safety Officer can use this job aid for any incident or planned event. It is suited for incidents where the Incident Command System is being used, but many of the principles and actions listed there-in can be used for other business activities where the Incident Command System is not used.

Scope This Job Aid focuses on the role of the Safety Officer in executing duties under the Incident Command System. It outlines how the SOFR works within the Incident Command System to ensure the safety of responders and the public.

This Job Aid is designed to be used in concert with the U.S. Coast Guard's Incident Management Handbook.

This Job Aid assumes that the Safety Officer has a thorough knowledge of the Incident Command System.

This Job Aid does not cover other important traits of an effective Safety Officer, such as:

- good interpersonal skills;
- solid grasp of hazard recognition, evaluation and control methodologies;
- experience in operational risk management;
- in-depth knowledge of the types of safety challenges expected for incidents likely to be encountered.

A good ICS Safety Officer has these qualities and many more, in addition to having a thorough understanding of ICS.

This Job Aid assumes the user has fundamental skills in hazard assessment and risk analysis.

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