



Policy and Procedure

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Subject: Incident Command System (ICS)		
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POLICY:

The Racine Police Department has plans in place for emergency operations. These plans incorporate the concepts of Incident Command. There are times when the Department will be subordinate to other agencies and retain authority over law enforcement operations. There are other times when the Racine Police Department (as determined by the type of emergency operation) will become the lead agency and provide the Incident Command responsibilities.

Cooperation with other agencies in the time of any emergency operation is key to the success of the operation. The Incident Command System (ICS) Manual has been distributed to key Command personnel. It details the various functions and responsibilities that require attention during an emergency operation. These functions and responsibilities are not attached to traditional duty positions nor are personnel pre-assigned to them. It is the function of the Incident Commander (at the inception of the emergency operation) to establish who will perform what function and carry out what responsibilities. This should be based on an analysis of the personnel available and their individual strengths.

The RPD Incident Command System (ICS) Manual is saved as Policy 1604 in the Blue Book. The Planning/Special Events Lieutenant will be responsible for updating and distribution of the RPD ICS Manuals.

Copies of the RPD ICS Manual are distributed as follows:

- One copy in R-31, R-32, R-33 and R-34
- Communications section
- RPD Mobile Command Vehicle
- Sergeant's Office (two copies)
- Planning/Special Events Lieutenant's Office
- Racine Fire Department Command Post Vehicle

The Racine Police Department has adopted and will follow the federal guidelines outlined in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

RELATED PROCEDURES:

- [212 – Reporting of Major, Unusual, or Noteworthy Occurrences](#)
- [218 – Mobilization of Off-Duty Personnel](#)
- [609 – Tactical Situations](#)
- [715 – On-Site Command Post](#)
- [716 – Command Responsibility at Police Situations](#)
- [1604 – Incident Command System \(ICS\) Manual](#)
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RELATED MANUALS/ REFERENCES:

CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) Manual located in Communications.

RELATED ORDINANCE:

34-1 – Emergency Powers