



KENTON COUNTY EOP INCIDENT SPECIFIC PLAN

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY CRITICAL INCIDENT STANDARD

OPERATING GUIDELINES

I. SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. A critical incident is an extraordinary event that places lives and property in danger, requiring the commitment and / or coordination of numerous resources to bring about a successful resolution. Terrorism incidents are an example of a critical incident.
- B. There are four critical incident phases:
 - 1. Initial Response Phase – The goal is to limit the growth of the incident and to ensure citizen / responder safety by stabilizing the scene.
 - 2. Scene Management Phase – The goal is to implement a proactive management effort to gain control of the scene and effectively manage resources.
 - 3. Executive Management Phase – The goal is incident resolution through establishing a decision-making team, or unified command system, to bring about a safe and successful conclusion to the incident.
 - 4. Termination Phase – The goal is a smooth transition to normal operations once the incident is resolved and order is restored.
- C. In order to have an orderly transition from the first phase all the way through to the fourth, it is imperative that the first responding units / incident commander implement the seven critical tasks outlined in the following checklist. This checklist is only intended to implement the tasks necessary to stabilize the scene and gain control of the immediate area surrounding the incident.

II. MISSION

- A. To provide a coordinated process for first responders and Incident Commanders to utilize when faced with a critical incident.

III. SEVEN CRITICAL TASKS FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT COMMANDERS (TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY)

A. Establish Communications and Control.

- 1. Clear the frequency, and request routine traffic be moved to alternate frequency.
- 2. Assume Incident Command at the scene.
- 3. Provide the exact location, as well as information on the type of incident.
- 4. Provide wind direction and topography if incident will be affected by this.



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B. Identify "Exclusion Zone" or "Red Zone"

1. Protect yourself and arriving units by identifying the area that presents danger.
2. Do not allow anyone into, or out of, the exclusion zone, until decontamination sites or safe refuge sites are available.

C. Establish an Inner "Yellow Zone" Perimeter

1. Control and contain movement in the area immediately surrounding the Red Zone.
2. Establish a plan for evacuating or sheltering in place.
3. Monitor risk to first responding personnel. Consider Personal Protective Equipment, such as SCBA, that will be required.

D. Establish an Outer "Traffic Control" Perimeter.

1. The outer perimeter will enable you to restrict access to staging and decontamination areas.
2. The outer perimeter should be manned by law enforcement personnel at a safe distance, and should be strictly restricted to emergency responders who have been requested by the incident commander.

E. Establish Command Post.

1. Your vehicle should be positioned at a safe distance, and the command post established there.
2. Think large early. Request a mobile command vehicle if this will be a prolonged incident.

F. Establish Staging Areas.

1. Staging should be between the "Yellow Zone" Inner Perimeter and the "Traffic Control" outer perimeter.
2. Establish staging in an area large enough for the responding units to move around.

G. Identify and Request Additional Resources.

1. Transmit personnel and special equipment needs.