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**Incident Management**

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation has come up with 16 Life Safety Initiatives they believe will save firefighter lives and lower injury rates. Today we focus on "Initiative 3: Operational Risk Management and Preparedness." This initiative covers many issues including, but not at all limited to: preparedness, tactical plans, and response SOPs. Take a look at a few relevant TCFP Library resources we have available for borrowing:

**FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONS: WHY THINGS GO RIGHT-WHY THINGS GO WRONG**

AV04-1606 Length: 45:00 Format: VHS  
The first part of this video discusses the elements of risk management in fire service operations. The presenter says that risk management is the business of pre-incident prevention. Incidents happen when there is a breakdown in any of the five pillars of a good organization: good people, good policy, good training, good supervision and good discipline. The second part of the presentation deals with civil liability and how to decrease the risk of a case against the department. He presents 13 rules to follow to minimize liability risk.

**MAKING THE RIGHT CALL : AVOIDING LODD**

AV06-1953 Length: 30:00 Format: DVD Author: FETN  
The ability to quickly and thoroughly evaluate the right course of action during the confusion of a fire is a critical skill that can mean the difference between life and death. Making the right call based on the available cues requires a thorough understanding of 'situational awareness'. Situational awareness is staying aware of the situation you are in--keeping your wits about you when surrounded by fire, noise, crashes, screams and more. The true mark of a seasoned professional is the ability to take these cues and not only predict but also evaluate multiple courses of action and their consequences. This FETN program will help firefighters boost their situational awareness skills to the level of the expert. (2006)

On a larger scale, everyone out there should know how incident command systems work. It's this system that ensures smooth tasks, proper decision making processes, and communication. YOU can borrow the below Emerson Library resources to learn more about incident command, so that you can help keep your team be safe on the fire ground.

**INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM 101**

AV08-2244 Length: 30:00 Format: DVD  
All firefighters must have a strong understanding and working knowledge of the incident command system. This FETN training program describes the reasons for the creation of a standardized incident command system and the evolution of the system. It describes the concepts that make up ICS, the key positions and terms, and describes operational considerations for implementing the incident command system. A study guide accompanies the DVD. (c.2003, DVD format 2008)

**NIMS-INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE SERVICE**

AV06-1912 Length: 16:00:00 Format: DVD  
This 16 hour course from the U.S. Fire Administration is designed to develop an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and its application in both emergency and non emergency situations. This course addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, and an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure. This training packet consists of a CD containing the instructor manual, student manual, and powerpoint presentation. It also includes 2 DVDs. 'Introduction to NIMS/NPR' and 'In Command-The Evolution of the ICS System'. (2005)

**NIMS-INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

AV06-1916 Length: 27:00 Format: DVD  
This DVD and Procedures Guide covers the three basic concepts that form the basis of NIMS and explain the advantages of using a standardized incident management system during complex response situations. The key components of the system are listed, with an emphasis on Command and Management. Using footage of actual and training events, the program shows how command is established and transferred and the role of the emergency operations center in the incident management system. The concept and use of unified command is explained, as well as the make up of the incident commander's staff and the four major sections with roles and responsibilities of each. Other topics covered include the use of pre-designated incident facilities, resource management, planning, communications, public information activities, mutual aid, incident-related intelligence, establishing Area Command, and Multi-Agency Coordination Systems (MACS), which are used when supporting agencies from local, state and federal government are involved in the incident. A written Leader's Guide is included in the package, and a pdf version of the Guide is also included on the DVD. (2005)

Search our Audio Visual [catalog](#) for "Incident Command," "Attack Methods," "Fire Attack," "Management—Fire Service," or "Risk Assessment" for additional resources.

For assistance in choosing training materials, or to make recommendations for additions to the library, please contact Laura Bucaro, the commission librarian at (512) 936-3833, via e-mail at [laura.bucaro@tcfp.state.tx.us](mailto:laura.bucaro@tcfp.state.tx.us), or visit the [Emerson Library](#) at the commission's headquarters facility during regular business hours.

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**Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives**

[Initiative 3: Operational Risk Management and Preparedness](#)

[Fire Chief's articles on incident command issues](#)