

Liaison Officer Position Checklist

The following checklist should be considered as the minimum requirements for this position. Note that some of the tasks are one-time actions; others are ongoing or repetitive for the duration of the incident.



Task

1. Obtain briefing from Incident Commander:

- Obtain summary of incident organization (ICS Forms 201 and 203).
- Determine companies/agencies/non-governmental organizations already involved in the incident, and whether they are assisting (have tactical equipment and/or personnel assigned to the organization), or cooperating (operating in a support mode "outside" the organization).

2. Obtain cooperating and assisting agency information, including:

- Contact person(s).
- Radio frequencies.
- Phone numbers.
- Cooperative agreements.
- Resource type.
- Number of personnel.
- Condition of personnel and equipment.
- Agency constraints/limitations.

3. Establish workspace for Liaison function and notify agency representatives of location.

4. Contact and brief assisting/cooperating agency representatives and mutual aid cooperators.

5. Interview agency representatives concerning resources and capabilities, and restrictions on use-provide this information at planning meetings.

6. Work with Public Information Officer and Incident Commander to coordinate media releases associated with inter-governmental cooperation issues.

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7. Monitor incident operations to identify potential inter-organizational problems. Keep Command apprised of such issues:

- Bring complaints pertaining to logistical problems, inadequate communications, and strategic and tactical direction to the attention of Incident Management Team (IMT).

8. Participate in Planning Meetings:

Sample Planning Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Responsible Party
1 Briefing on situation/resource status.	Planning/Operations Section Chiefs
2 Discuss safety issues.	Safety Officer
3 Set/confirm incident objectives.	Incident Commander
4 Plot control lines & Division boundaries.	Operations Section Chief
5 Specify tactics for each Division/Group.	Operations Section Chief
6 Specify resources needed for each Division/Group.	Operations/Planning Section Chiefs
7 Specify facilities and reporting locations.	Operations/Planning/Logistics Section Chiefs
8 Develop resource order.	Logistics Section Chief
9 Consider communications/medical/transportation plans.	Logistics/Planning Section Chiefs
10 Provide financial update.	Finance/Administration Section Chief
11 Discuss interagency liaison issues.	Liaison Officer
12 Discuss information issues.	Public Information Officer
13 Finalize/approve/implement plan.	Incident Commander/All

9. Document all activity on Unit Log (ICS Form 214).