

CITY OF BEND FIRE RESCUE  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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TITLE: Incident Safety Officer

NUMBER: I-2

**A. SIZE-UP/ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS**

- 1) The Incident Commander (IC) shall function as the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) at all incidents until such time that the ISO position is delegated.
- 2) The IC shall delegate the ISO position according to the following criteria.
  - Recommended:
    - ♦ Working/multi-company incident responses.
    - ♦ Multi-company wildland fires.
    - ♦ MPI/Mass casualty incidents.
    - ♦ Active threat incidents.
    - ♦ Technical rescue incidents.
    - ♦ At the discretion of the IC.
  - Required: (OSHA)
    - ♦ Multi-company hazardous materials incidents.

**B. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS AND CHECKLIST**

- 1) Safety of all incident personnel is the first priority of the ISO
- 2) The ISO shall also consider the safety of any by-standers or public.

**C. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

- 1) The IC assigns an ISO
- 2) The IC announces by radio the unit identifier of the person filling the role. It is recommended that trained personnel staff the ISO position.
- 3) When a trained ISO is not available on scene, the IC may request an ISO response.
- 4) The ISO reports directly to the IC
- 5) The ISO should utilize the Safety Officer Checklist when appropriate.
- 6) The ISO has the authority to intervene in operations when those operations present imminent danger of death or injury to personnel.
  - The ISO must recognize that stopping an operation may put other personnel in danger.

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- The ISO must clearly communicate with the IC when an operation has been altered or halted.