

# Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM)

## Training Course

### Unit 4: Incident Communications



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## Terminal Learning Objective Enabling Learning Objectives

**TLO:** At the conclusion of the unit, the student will describe COML responsibilities and the role of Auxiliary Communicators in assisting the COML.

**ELO A:** Identify incident information sources used to establish AUXCOMM support.

**ELO B:** Describe use of various AUXCOMM radio nets.



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## Terminal Learning Objective Enabling Learning Objectives (Cont'd)

**ELO C:** Identify requirements for establishing an AUXCOMM radio communications system.



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## Incident Information Resources

- Face-to-face meeting with COML
- Incident Briefing Form (ICS Form 201)
- From the Incident Action Plan (IAP)



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## Briefing

- Frequencies/channels in use
- Current and anticipated resources
- Current and anticipated communications related issues
- Expected duration of the incident



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## ICS Form 201: Incident Briefing Page 1

Page 1 will include:

- Incident map sketch
  - Location of assigned personnel and equipment
  - Command and tactical frequency assignments

### INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201)

1. Incident Name: <b>Independence Day Parade</b>	2. Incident Number: <b>14-2112</b>	3. Date/Time Initiated: Date: <b>07/04/14</b> Time: <b>0600</b>
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4. Map/Sketch (include sketch, showing the total area of operations, the incident site/area, impacted and threatened areas, overflight results, trajectories, impacted shorelines, or other graphics depicting situational status and resource assignment):

**\*Sketch showing incident, roads, location of assigned personnel & equipment**

**\*Command and Tactical Frequencies**

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## ICS Form 201: Incident Briefing Page 3

Page 3 illustrates the incident organization including:

- Command Staff
- Agency representatives
- General Staff
- Branches
- Divisions/Groups
- Staging



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## ICS Form 201: Incident Briefing Page 3 (Cont'd)

### INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201)

1. Incident Name: <b>Independence Day Parade</b>	2. Incident Number: <b>14-2112</b>	3. Date/Time Initiated: Date: <b>07/04/14</b> Time: <b>0600</b>
9. Current Organization (fill in additional organization as appropriate):		
<b>Enter Names of Individuals Assigned to positions</b>		
<b>Add/Expand to Branches, Divisions, Groups as needed</b>		
6. Prepared by: Name: <b>S. Moldune</b>	Position/Title: <b>ICT3</b>	Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>
ICS 201, Page 3	Date/Time: <b>07/04/14 0600</b>	

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## ICS Form 201: Incident Briefing Page 4

Page 4 documents the:

- List of personnel and equipment
- Initial response
- When ordered
- ETA
- On scene
- Location/Assignment



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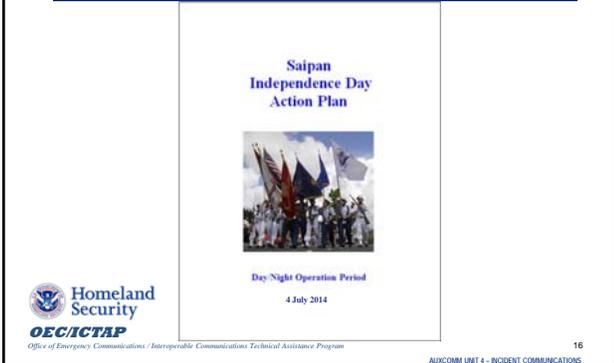
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## Example of IAP




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## ICS Form 202: Incident Objectives

### INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name: <b>Independence Day Parade</b>	2. Operational Period: Date From: <b>07/04/14</b> Date To: <b>0600</b> Time From: <b>07/04/14</b> Time To: <b>1700</b>
3. Objective(s): Implement Safe, efficient and fun event Develop contingency plans for an incident during the event (SWAT, lost child, etc.) Provide Security	
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis: All personnel will have proper personal protective equipment (PPE) with them at all times. Report injuries to the Incident Command Post (ICP) and your immediate supervisor. Communications to operate on assigned channels.	

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## ICS Form 202: Incident Objectives (Cont'd)

General Situational Awareness  
Temperatures predicted to be above 90 degrees- keep watch for elderly  
Known protestors may attempt disruptions- be ready to report any situations

5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes  No   
Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:

6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 202	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 206	Other Attachments:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 204	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Prepared by: Name: **Florence Calvo** Position/Title: **PSC1** Signature: *Florence Calvo*

8. Approved by Incident Commander: Name: **Jonas Barcinas** Signature: *Jonas Barcinas*

ICS 202 | IAP Page 1 | Date/Time: **07/04/14 0600**

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## Support Nets

Other Nets called "Support Nets" include:

- Communications Support (within AUXCOMM organization)
- Evacuation Shelter Support



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## Tactical Net Interoperability

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- HAZMAT
- Environmental Health
- DHS/FEMA
- Medical Examiner
- Military
- Public Health
- Public Works



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## Tactical Net Interoperability (Cont'd)

- Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)
- Urban Area Search and Rescue Teams (USAR)
- Hospitals
- Transportation (Public and Private)
- Radiological Support
- Schools
- Utilities
- Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs), e.g., Red Cross and Salvation Army



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## AUXCOMM Available/Assigned Nets

- Reference documents for available Nets
  - Form 217A
  - AUXFOG and NIFOG
  - Frequency/Agency Listing
  - Local/Region Communications Plans
  - NTIA/FCC (applicable rules and regulation documents)
- Assigning Nets
  - ACM



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## Communications Systems

- Design to support the needs of the incident/event
- Use shared frequencies
- Share a repeater system in the area
- Utilize a mobile communications unit
- Set up repeaters and portable towers
- Adhere to user agreements if applicable
- Document the plan with the ICS Form 205



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## Order, Install, and Use Temporary System Equipment

- Apply local and regional communications SOPs
- Adhere to FCC rules and restrictions on channel use, including license parameters such as licensed Area of Operation
- Adhere to interoperability and mutual aid agreements



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## Order, Install, and Use Temporary System Equipment (Cont'd)

- Avoid interference issues
- Determine required coverage area
- Locate specific equipment sites
- Provide for equipment security



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## Swap/Cache Radios

- Accountability/inventory
- Provide AUXCOMM radio cache programming
- "On-the-fly" training of licensed personnel who are issued AUXCOMM cache radios



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## Accountability

Examples of methods used for tracking accountability of issued equipment:

- Paper forms
- Computer Database
- Bar Code System
- T-Cards



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## T-CARDS

The image shows two identical yellow forms titled 'T-CARD'. Each form is divided into two main columns: 'EQUIPMENT' and 'PERSONNEL'. The 'EQUIPMENT' column includes fields for 'Equipment Description', 'Quantity', 'Manufacturer', 'Model', 'Serial Number', 'Date Acquired', 'Location', 'Status', and 'Remarks'. The 'PERSONNEL' column includes fields for 'Personnel Name', 'Title', 'Department', 'Phone Number', 'Email Address', and 'Remarks'. At the bottom of each form, there is a section for 'Comments' and a signature line.

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## Consider Using AUXCOMM Volunteers

Properly trained Auxiliary Communicators can assist with:

- Data systems
- Point-to-point connectivity (e.g., 5.8 GHz microwave)
- Emergency Power
- Radio system design and implementation
- Satellite
- Telephones
- Technical support

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## Test Systems

**Continually Test and Evaluate Both Your Personnel and Systems**

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## Unit 4: Summary

- 1) Described the COML responsibilities and the role of Auxiliary Communicators in assisting the COML.
- 2) Identified incident information sources used to establish AUXCOMM support.
- 3) Described use of various AUXCOMM radio nets.
- 4) Identified requirements for establishing an AUXCOMM radio communications system.



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