
Unit 6: ICS Facilities

Objectives

At the end of this unit, the participants should be able to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.

Scope

- Unit Introduction
- Unit Objectives
- Predesignated Incident Facilities
- Activity: Incident Facilities Map
- Knowledge Review
- Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities
- Summary

Methodology

The instructors will outline the unit objectives. After reviewing the unit objectives, the instructors will provide a description of incident facilities. To ensure comprehension, the participants will then answer questions about each of the incident facilities. The lesson ends with an activity in which participants locate facilities based upon a scenario.

After answering any questions that the participants have, the instructors will summarize the key points from the unit and transition to Unit 7.

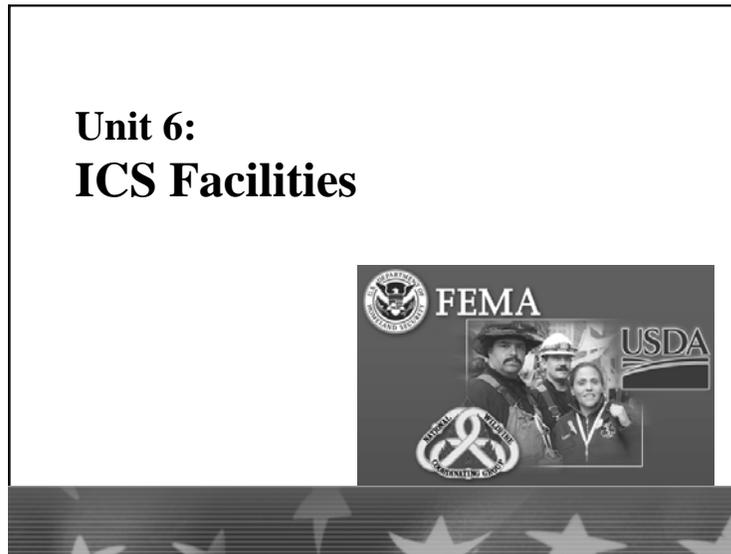
Time Plan

A suggested time plan for this unit is shown below. More or less time may be required, based on the experience level of the group.

Topic	Time
Unit Objectives	15 minutes
Predesignated Incident Facilities	5 minutes
Knowledge Review	5 minutes
Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities	10 minutes
Summary	5 minutes
Total Time	40 minutes



Visual 6.1



Visual Description: Unit Introduction

Instructor Notes

The instructors will explain that this unit covers ICS facilities.



Visual 6.2

Unit Objectives

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.



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Visual 6.2

Visual Description: Unit Objectives

Instructor Notes

Tell the participants that by the end of this unit, they should be able to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.



Visual 6.3

Predesignated Incident Facilities

Incident facilities are:

- Established by the Incident Commander depending on the requirements and complexity of the incident or event.
- Activated only when needed. Some incidents may require facilities not included on the standard list.



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Visual 6.3

Visual Description: Predesignated Incident Facilities

Instructor Notes

Review the following key points. Incident facilities are:

- Established by the Incident Commander depending on the requirements and complexity of the incident or event.
- Activated only when needed. Some incidents may require facilities not included on the standard list.



Visual 6.4

Incident Facilities: Incident Command Post




Symbol

Incident Command Post (ICP):

- Is the location from which the Incident Commander oversees all incident operations.
- May change locations during the event.
- May be located in a vehicle, trailer, tent, or within a building.
- Should be positioned outside of the present and potential hazard zone but close enough to the incident to maintain command.

Every incident must have some form of an Incident Command Post.

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Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Incident Command Post

Instructor Notes

Briefly review the following points about the Incident Command Post.

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- Is the location from which the Incident Commander oversees all incident operations.
- May change locations during the event.
- May be located in a vehicle, trailer, tent, or within a building.
- Should be positioned outside of the present and potential hazard zone but close enough to the incident to maintain command.

Every incident must have some form of an Incident Command Post. There is generally only one ICP for each incident or event. The ICP will be designated by the name of the incident (e.g., Trail Creek ICP).

Ask the participants what considerations are important when deciding where to locate the Incident Command Post.

If not mentioned by the participants, add that the Incident Command Post should be upwind from any hazardous materials releases, easily accessible to responders, and likely to have sustained communications systems and power.



Visual 6.5

Incident Facilities: Staging Area



Staging Areas:

- Are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while waiting for tactical assignments. The resources in the Staging Area are always in available status. There may be more than one Staging Area at an incident.
- Should be located close enough to the incident for a timely response, but far enough away to be out of the immediate impact zone.
- May be collocated with the ICP, Bases, Camps, Helibases, or Helispots.

S

Symbol

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Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Staging Area

Instructor Notes

Briefly review the following points about Staging Areas.

Staging Areas:

- Are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while waiting for tactical assignments. There may be more than one Staging Area at an incident.
- Should be located close enough to the incident for a timely response, but far enough away to be out of the immediate impact zone.
- May be collocated with the ICP, Bases, Camps, Helibases, or Helispots.

Emphasize that resources in the Staging Area are always in available status. Therefore, resources that are resting or sleeping would NOT be in the Staging Area.



Visual 6.6

Incident Facilities: Base



Base:

- Is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions are coordinated and administered. There is only one Base per incident, and it is designated by the incident name.
- May be collocated with the Incident Command Post.
- Is established and managed by the Logistics Section. The resources in the Base are always out of service.

B

Symbol

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Visual 6.6

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Base

Instructor Notes

Briefly review the following points about the Base.

The Base:

- Is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions are coordinated and administered. There is only one Base per incident, and it is designated by the incident name.
- May be collocated with the Incident Command Post.
- Is established and managed by the Logistics Section.

Emphasize that resources in the Base are always out of service.



Visual 6.7

Incident Facilities: Camps



C
Symbol

Camps:

- Are where resources may be kept to support incident operations if a Base is not accessible to all resources. Multiple Camps may be used, but not all incidents will have Camps.
- Are temporary locations within the general incident area that are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.
- Are designated by geographic location or number.

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Visual 6.7

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Camp

Instructor Notes

Briefly review the following points about Camps.

Camps:

- Are where resources may be kept to support incident operations if a Base is not accessible to all resources. Multiple Camps may be used, but not all incidents will have Camps.
- Are temporary locations within the general incident area that are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.
- Are designated by geographic location or number.

Emphasize that not all incidents have camps. Point out that a hotel or feeding area can be a camp. A camp does not have to be a location with tents.



Visual 6.8

Incident Facilities: Helibase/Helispots

-  A Helibase is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases are generally used on a more long-term basis and include such services as fueling and maintenance.
-  Helispots are more temporary locations at the incident, where helicopters can safely land and take off. Multiple Helispots may be used.



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Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Helibase/Helispots

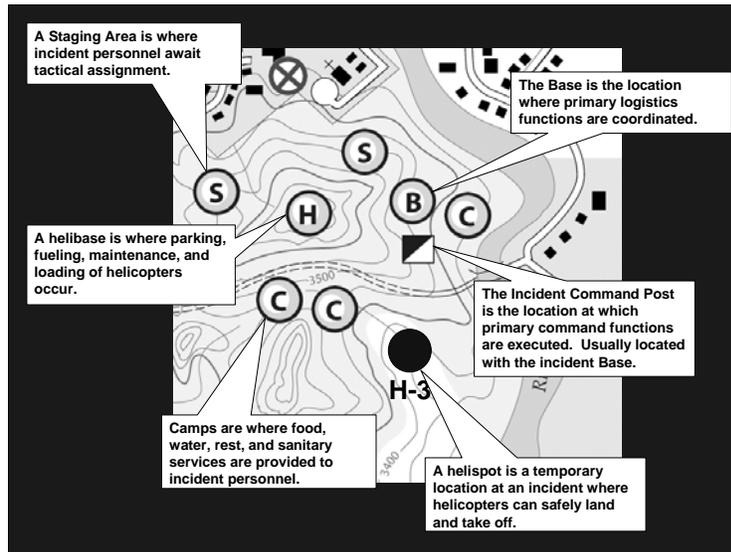
Instructor Notes

Briefly review the following points:

- A Helibase is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases are generally used on a more long-term basis and include such services as fueling and maintenance.
- Helispots are more temporary locations at the incident, where helicopters can safely land and take off. Multiple Helispots may be used.



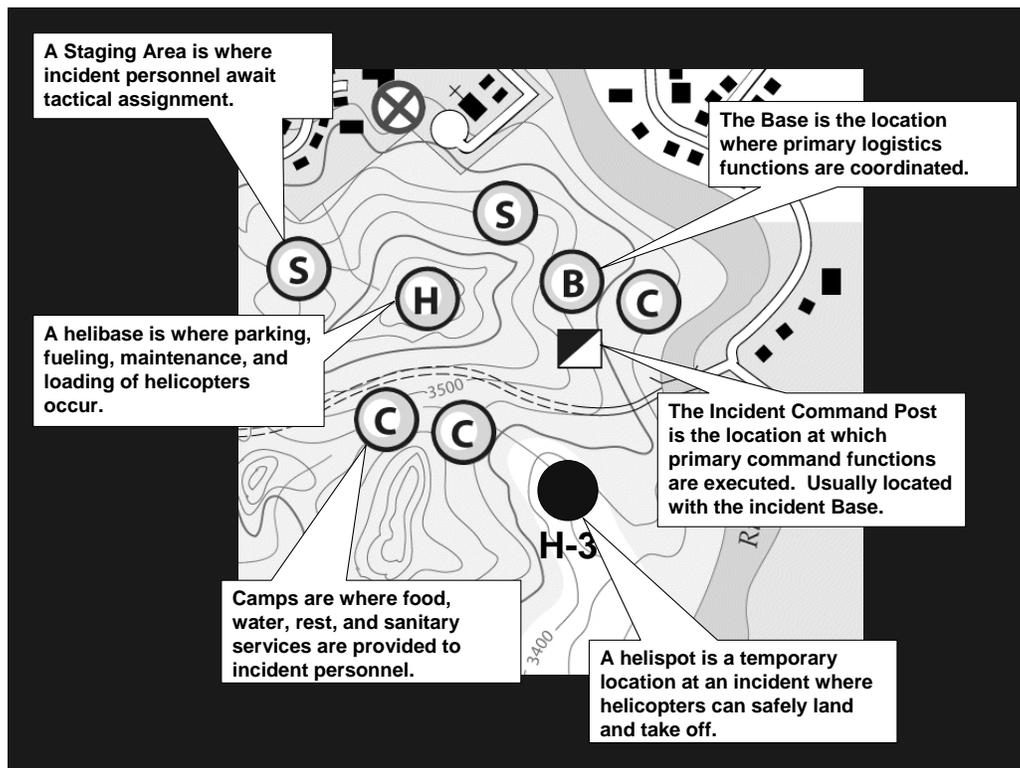
Visual 6.9



Visual Description: Incident Facilities Map

Instructor Notes

Refer the participants to the following summary of incident facilities:





Visual 6.10

Knowledge Review (1 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

Where would you find search and rescue teams that are awaiting tactical assignments?

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Visual 6.10

Visual Description: Where would you find search and rescue teams who are awaiting tactical assignments?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

Where would you find search and rescue teams that are awaiting tactical assignments?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is a Staging Area. Staging Areas are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while awaiting tactical assignments.



Visual 6.11

Knowledge Review (2 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

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Visual 6.11

Visual Description: You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is a Camp. A Camp is a temporary location located within the general incident area. Camps are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.



Visual 6.12

Knowledge Review (3 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

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Visual 6.12

Visual Description: You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is the Incident Command Post, or ICP. The ICP is the location from which the Incident Commander oversees all incident operations.



Visual 6.13

Knowledge Review (4 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

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Visual 6.13

Visual Description: You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is the helibase. A helibase is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases usually include such services as fueling and maintenance.



Visual 6.14

Knowledge Review (5 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

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Visual 6.14

Visual Description: You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is the Base. The Base is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions, such as duplication services and supply ordering, are administered.



Visual 6.15

Knowledge Review (6 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

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Visual 6.15

Visual Description: What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

Instructor Notes

Ask the group the following question:

What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

Allow time to respond.

If not mentioned, tell the participants that the correct answer is the helispot. The helispot is usually a temporary location where helicopters can safely land and take off.



Visual 6.16

Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities

Severe weather caused the collapse of the school gymnasium.

More than 50 students are critically injured. Numerous resources are on scene or have been dispatched including MedEvac helicopters.

It is projected that the operations will continue for at least the next 15 hours.

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Visual Description: Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities

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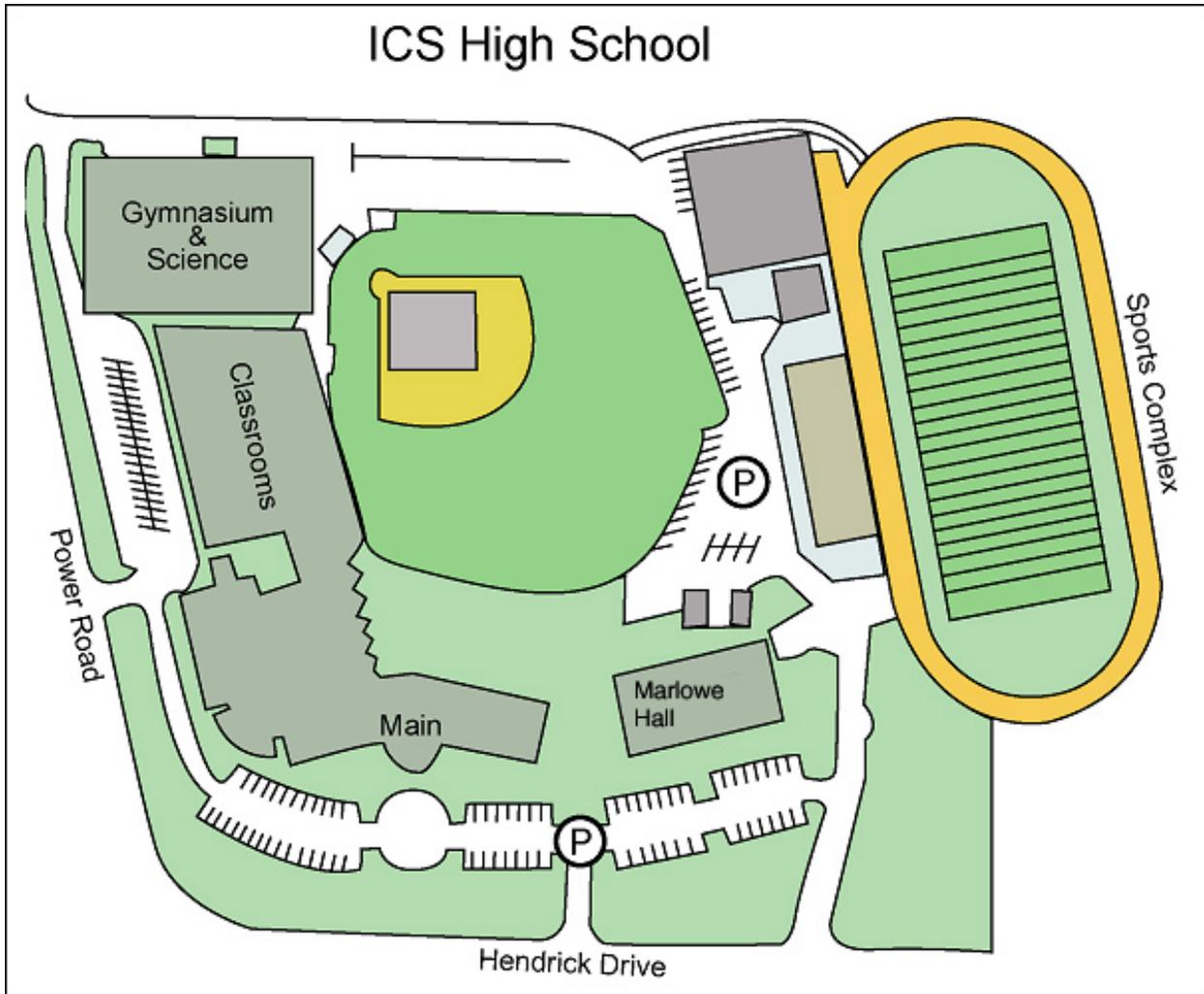
Review the scenario:

- Severe weather caused the collapse of the school gymnasium.
- More than 50 students are critically injured. Numerous resources are on scene or have been dispatched including MedEvac helicopters.
- It is projected that the operations will continue for at least the next 15 hours.

Ask the participants to use the information presented and work in teams to:

- Determine which ICS facilities are required.
- Indicate where the ICS facilities will be located on the larger version of the map. (See next page.)

Give the teams 5 minutes to establish their ICS facilities. At the end of 5 minutes, ask each team to present their decisions about which ICS facilities are required, and where the ICS facilities should be located.





Visual 6.17

Summary

Do you know how to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities?
- Identify facilities that may be located together?
- Identify facility map symbols?

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Visual 6.17

Visual Description: Summary

Instructor Notes

Summarize this unit by asking the group if they can:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.

Ask if anyone has any questions about anything covered in this unit.

Transition to the next unit by explaining that Unit 7 will review common responsibilities.

Your Notes