

Setting up your Incident Command Post (ICP)

Podcast 3 Highlights

1. What is an Incident Command Post

- a. It's a quiet, dedicated space where important data is collected and decisions are made by the Command staff and Section Chiefs
- b. Not the evacuation site or round-up area
- c. Must make 1st and 2nd choice ICP's fully ready, plus an outdoors 3rd choice
- d. Features of a good ICP
 - i. Likely to be accessible in an Incident
 - ii. Away from noise and activity
 - iii. Natural light (can use during power failure)
 - iv. Line powered phone

2. Recommended equipment & supplies

- a. Walkie talkies (4) + chargers & backup batteries
- b. Head lamps & batteries
- c. Hard copies of key data (phone #'s)
- d. Red Binder of Situational Guidelines (one pagers that outline what needs to be done in a situation, but not who will do each part)
- e. White board
- f. Chairs, desk, table for meetings
- g. At Tawonga: Incident Playbooks for the Commander

3. Action Plan

- a. Choose ICP locations and inform all staff members
- b. Install dedicated phone lines
- c. Purchase equipment and practice using it (especially walkie-talkies)
- d. Compile Situational Guidelines



This is what a swipe board looks like during an Incident