

Safety 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 and/or from initial on-scene Safety Officer.

2. Identify hazardous situations associated with the incident. Ensure adequate levels of protective equipment are available, and being used.

3. Staff and organize function, as appropriate:

- In multi-discipline incidents, consider the use of an Assistant Safety Officer from each discipline.
- Multiple high-risk operations may require an Assistant Safety Officer at each site.
- Request additional staff through incident chain of command.

4. Identify potentially unsafe acts.

5. Identify corrective actions and ensure implementation. Coordinate corrective action with Command and Operations.

6. Ensure adequate sanitation and safety in food preparation.

7. Debrief Assistant Safety Officers prior to Planning Meetings.

8. Prepare Incident Action Plan Safety and Risk Analysis (USDA ICS Form 215A).

9. Participate in Planning and Tactics Meetings:

- Listen to tactical options being considered. If potentially unsafe, assist in identifying options, protective actions, or alternate tactics.
- Discuss accidents/injuries to date. Make recommendations on preventative or corrective actions.

10. Attend Planning meetings:

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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

11. Participate in the development of Incident Action Plan (IAP):

- Review and approve Medical Plan (ICS Form 206).
- Provide Safety Message (ICS Form 202) and/or approved document.
- Assist in the development of the "Special Instructions" block of ICS Form 204, as requested by the Planning Section.

12. Investigate accidents that have occurred within incident areas:

- Ensure accident scene is preserved for investigation.
- Ensure accident is properly documented.
- Coordinate with incident Compensation and Claims Unit Leader, agency Risk Manager, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- Prepare accident report as per agency policy, procedures, and direction.
- Recommend corrective actions to Incident Commander and agency.

13. Coordinate critical incident stress, hazardous materials, and other debriefings, as necessary.

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