

## Finance/Administration Section Chief 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. Tasks may be delegated to the appropriate Unit Leader.



### Task



1. Obtain briefing from Incident Commander:

- Incident objectives.
- Participating/coordinating agencies.
- Anticipated duration/complexity of incident.
- Determine any political considerations.
- Obtain the names of any agency contacts the Incident Commander knows about.
- Possibility of cost sharing.
- Work with Incident Commander and Operations Section Chief to ensure work/rest guidelines are being met, as applicable.



2. Obtain briefing from agency administrator:

- Determine level of fiscal process required.
- Delegation of authority to Incident Commander, as well as for financial processes, particularly procurement.
- Assess potential for legal claims arising out of incident activities.
- Identify applicable financial guidelines and policies, constraints and limitations.

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3. Obtain briefing from agency Finance/Administration representative:

- Identify financial requirements for planned and expected operations.
- Determine agreements are in place for land use, facilities, equipment, and utilities.
- Confirm/establish procurement guidelines.
- Determine procedure for establishing charge codes.
- Important local contacts.
- Agency/local guidelines, processes.
- Copies of all incident-related agreements, activated or not.
- Determine potential for rental or contract services.
- Is an Incident Business Advisor (IBA) available, or the contact information for an agency Financial/Administration representative?
- Coordinate with Command and General Staff and agency Human Resources staff to determine the need for temporary employees.
- Ensure that proper tax documentation is completed.
- Determine whether hosting agency will maintain time records, or whether the incident will document all time for the incident, and what forms will be used.

4. Ensure all Sections and the Supply Unit are aware of charge code.

5. Attend Planning Meeting:

- Provide financial and cost-analysis input.
- Provide financial summary on labor, materials, and services.
- Prepare forecasts on costs to complete operations.
- Provide cost benefit analysis, as requested.
- Obtain information on status of incident; planned operations; changes in objectives, use of personnel, equipment, aircraft; and local agency/political concerns.

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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



### 6. Gather continuing information:

- Equipment time – Ground Support Unit Leader and Operations Section.
- Personnel time – Crew Leaders, Unit Leaders, and individual personnel.
- Accident reports – Safety Officer, Ground Support Unit Leader, and Operations Section.
- Potential and existing claims – Operations Section, Safety Officer, equipment contractors, agency representative, and Compensation/Claims Unit Leader.
- Arrival and demobilization of personnel and equipment – Planning Section.
- Daily incident status – Planning Section.
- Injury reports – Safety Officer, Medical Unit Leader, and Compensation/Claims Unit Leader.
- Status of supplies – Supply Unit Leader and Procurement Unit Leader.
- Guidelines of responsible agency – Incident Business Advisor, local administrative personnel.
- Use agreements – Procurement Unit Leader and local administrative personnel.
- What has been ordered? – Supply Unit Leader.
- Unassigned resources – Resource Unit Leader and Cost Unit Leader.

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- 7. Meet with assisting and cooperating agencies, as required, to determine any cost-share agreements or financial obligation.
- 8. Coordinate with all cooperating agencies and specifically administrative personnel in hosting agency.
- 9. Initiate, maintain, and ensure completeness of documentation needed to support claims for emergency funds, including auditing and documenting labor, equipment, materials, and services:
  - Labor - with breakdown of work locations, hours and rates for response personnel, contract personnel, volunteers, and consultants.
  - Equipment - with breakdown of work locations, hours and rates for owned and rented aircraft, heavy equipment, fleet vehicles, and other equipment.
  - Materials and supplies purchased and/or rented, including equipment, communications, office and warehouse space, and expendable supplies.
- 10. Initiate, maintain, and ensure completeness of documentation needed to support claims for injury and property damage. (Injury information should be kept on contracted personnel formally assigned to the incident, as well as paid employees and mutual aid personnel).
- 11. Ensure that all personnel time records reflect incident activity and that records for non-agency personnel are transmitted to home agency or department according to policy:
  - Notify incident management personnel when emergency timekeeping process is in effect and where timekeeping is taking place.
  - Distribute time-keeping forms to all Sections-ensure forms are being completed correctly.
- 12. Ensure that all obligation documents initiated by the incident are properly prepared and completed.
- 13. Assist Logistics in resource procurement:
  - Identify vendors for which open purchase orders or contracts must be established.
  - Negotiate ad hoc contracts.
- 14. Ensure coordination between Finance/Administration and other Command and General Staff.
- 15. Coordinate Finance/Administration demobilization.
- 16. Provide briefing to relief on current activities and unusual events.

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17. Ensure all Logistics Units are documenting actions on Unit Log (ICS Form 214).

18. Submit all Section documentation to Documentation Unit.