

Integrated Tactical Accountability System

ADOPTION & IMPLEMENTATION

Thank you for considering *Integrated Tactical Accountability System* training for your personnel. We guarantee that the *Integrated Tactical Accountability System* will completely transform your emergency scene operations. There is nothing else like it anywhere in North America.

Before proceeding with this training it is strongly recommended that fire and life safety organizations adopt the *Integrated Tactical Accountability System (ITAC)* by policy. (We can even provide you with a model policy!) Students and Administration will receive maximum impact from this program if it is understood *before the training begins* that the system has been adopted as a Standard Operating Guideline/Procedure.

Some organizations/regions choose to phase-in ITAC incrementally. Workbook training and simulation exercises are first provided to Command Staff. Later, once Command Staff has embraced the benefits and personal competency has been achieved, Company Officers and fire fighters receive the training. Many organizations simply adopt ITAC and provide the training to everyone at the same time. In addition to emergency responders, we recommend that Dispatchers receive ITAC training. (An abbreviated Workbook has been developed for Dispatch personnel.) ITAC will get everyone planning, operating, and communicating on the same page.

The *Integrated Tactical Accountability System* builds upon a foundation of what had previously been *separate* components of successful incident management:

1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS),
2. The Seattle/King County (WA) *Passport Accountability System*, and
3. The National Fire Academy *Managing Company Tactical Operations* (MCTO).

In addition to the information offered by these *basic* programs, ITAC provides easy to use models and procedures for planning and assigning appropriate tactical objectives, methodology for the efficient management of resources, conducting status reports, and a model for concise, professional emergency scene communication—including *what* to say, *how* to say it, and *when* to say it. Each of these essential components has been seamlessly 'integrated' into a single, comprehensive, uncomplicated, and easy to use *System*. ITAC truly is 'the incident planning and freelance prevention system that works.'

Adoption of the *Integrated Tactical Accountability System* will provide the following benefits:

1. The *Integrated Tactical Accountability* system is effective at virtually any type of incident—fire, technical rescue, hazmat, mass casualty, vehicle accident, SWAT, etc.
2. Your personnel's understanding, implementation, and utilization of the National Incident Management/Command System will be refined and transformed.
3. Personnel will rely on a powerful yet easy to use procedure for identifying problems, selecting appropriate tactical objectives, and deploying resources at an incident scene.
4. A personnel accountability system, using *Passport Accountability System* hardware, will be adopted, understood, and utilized. If *Passport Accountability* has already been adopted, then understanding and utilization will be greatly enhanced. (Passports will be used as very effective incident planning tools!)
5. By providing a professional communication model, crucial emergency scene communication—particularly radio communication and status reports—will be vastly improved. Instead of thinking about what to say, Officers will focus on identifying problems and the management of strategy, resources, and risk.
6. Your personnel will understand and employ the power of tactical 'Teams' both before and during an emergency incident.
7. You will receive a simple and very quick procedure for conducting an 'Emergency Roll Call,' including how and when an Emergency Roll Call should be initiated and what to say on the radio.
8. Freelancing will be dramatically reduced—if not *completely eliminated*.
9. Recency and repetition are essential for developing and maintaining competency. *ITAC Exercise Worksheets* will provide your personnel with inexpensive and easy to use drills. We encourage you to use the *Worksheets* on an ongoing basis as part of formal and informal Company Officer and Command Staff development. The *Exercise Worksheets* are essential for developing the ITAC 'metal process' that will be used by your Officers *at all incidents* for tactical planning and resource assignments.
10. Quite simply, the biggest benefit of adopting and relying on the *Integrated Tactical Accountability System* is that IT WORKS!

Please contact FCI with your questions. On behalf of FCI, I look forward to scheduling and facilitating the transformation of your emergency scene operations.

Thank you for your interest!

