



NICS

Next-Generation Incident Command System



Talking Points

What

- ▶ A *web-based* command & control environment for *large-scale* to *extreme-scale* incidents that facilitates collaboration across Federal, Tribal, Military, State, County, & Local/Municipal levels of preparedness, planning, response, and recovery for *all-risk/all-hazard* events; facilitates situational awareness
- ▶ Sponsored by the *Science & Technology Directorate* of the Department of Homeland Security
- ▶ *Open standards*: Any computer, Any operating system, Any browser
- ▶ *Non-proprietary*: Not vendor owned; this is a *community development project*
- ▶ *App Store model*: Apps can be developed by anyone, with easy plug-&-play functionality
- ▶ *Always improving*: Like the *Web*, NICS will never be done; it will always be improved and adapted by the *community*
- ▶ *No cost* to Emergency Responders
- ▶ *Tired - Dirty - Hungry*: Carefully designed for the responder under extreme stress

Who

- ▶ **Unified Command**
 - IC for the Project and for Technical Development: MIT Lincoln Laboratory
 - Deputy IC representing the Fire & Rescue Community: CAL FIRE
 - Deputy IC representing the Government: Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Directorate
 - Representative for the Law Enforcement Community: Riverside County Sheriff's Department
 - Representative for the OES and Non-Government Organization (NGOs) Communities: Riverside County Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES)

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