

To: City Council et al  
From: Capt. Michael Boyd  
CC: City Manager Steve Forrester  
Date: March 31, 2014  
Re: Critical Incident Briefing for the City Council



---

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Police Department wishes to present an update to the City Council on critical incident response, the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System.

**BACKGROUND:**

For several years FEMA has required that all levels of government participate in a specific process when dealing with critical incidents. This mandatory adherence to a consistent set of guidelines makes dealing with major events much easier. It also allows for easy and fluid transfer of authorities and responsibilities in an incident where help may be coming from several states away.

We use the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System as we prepare for major events. We are beginning another cycle of training on these systems. We think it is therefore crucial to keep our City Council informed. To that end, I have prepared a short presentation on critical incidents which should act as a primer for the upcoming critical incident training.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

One of the ways that FEMA ensures compliance with the NIMS/ICS process is the strict connection between compliance and FEMA funding. In short, if we do not follow the protocols, we may not receive reimbursement or support in a crisis. If we fail to comply, negative fiscal impact could be devastating.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I request permission to make the presentation.