

After Incident Report Lessons Learned Center

The purpose of the After Incident Report is to identify issues that occurred on an incident and how they were resolved. The lessons learned in the report will also be used to refresh or update training curriculums. Issues and trends that are identified may have Information Collection Teams assigned to them in the future for further analysis and resolution.

Type 1 – 5 Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators are requested to complete the following questionnaire for the incident(s) that they managed. Crews and single resources are also encouraged to complete the questionnaire for incidents they participated in:

Incident Name: Gate Complex

Dates of Assignment: 7/16 – 7/21 2002

**Unit or Jurisdiction(s): Humboldt-Toiyabe NF
Carson & Bishop Field Offices - BLM**

Geographic Area: Western Great Basin

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1. What was the most notable success at the incident that others may learn from?

Dealing with traffic control issues on a very busy highway (highway 395) which would not have been possible without local cooperators (California Highway Patrol, CalTrans).

2. What were some of the most difficult challenges faced and how were they overcome?

ICP and the Incident Base had been established at the Coleville HS, which was without power and telephone lines due to the fire, and was severely undersized for the number of personnel assigned to the fire. We moved ICP to Douglas HS in Minden, NV (over 30 miles away), a much larger community that included nearby casinos and other distractions for the crews. The High School had scheduled youth events that we allowed to continue despite significant disruptions at different times of the day. Local cooperators assisted with keeping an eye on fire personnel, and we adjusted our schedule to ensure a minimum impact on fire business as a result of the previously scheduled activities at the high school. Transportation and traffic proved to be one of the most difficult challenges, overcome by identifying an alternate route and adjusting shifts to reduce conflict with local traffic.

Another challenge which is becoming all too familiar, is the problem of not having a common data base for all teams in all geographic areas. This creates the problem of having to enter a backlog of data, or having to re-enter that data into the data base we are using (ISUITE).

3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to various training curriculums?

None.

4. What issues were not resolved to your satisfaction and need further review? Based on what was learned, what is your recommendation for resolution?

Need to permanently identify data base to be used by all teams.

Please submit this report to the Lessons Learned Center at the National Advanced Resource Technology Center (NARTC) attention Paula Nasiatka (pnasiatka@fs.fed.us or Fax 520-670-6413)

Thank you for completing the report. Others can learn from your experiences.