

Four (4) Phases To Managing An Incident

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When preparing for and responding to an emergency incident, consider breaking down the incident into four (4) separate phases. Doing so may make it a little easier to manage, and remember what needs to be done and when.

1. Pre-Incident
2. Enroute to arrival
3. Arrival to under control
4. Under control to post incident

1. Pre-Incident:

- Preplanning
- Area familiarization
- Training & Physical fitness
- Establishing expectations
- Personnel, apparatus & equipment readiness

2. Enroute to Arrival:

- Verifying map page
- Evaluating pre plan
- Hydrants / Fire Department Connection locations / availability
- Apparatus responding
- Knowledge of area
- Direction to crew
- Radio frequencies
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Size-up (Facts, Probabilities, Own situation, Decision, Plan)
- Critical Fireground Factors (Wallace was hot)

Critical Fireground Factors:

W	(Water supply)	W	(Weather)
A	(Area)	A	(Auxiliary appliances)
L	(Life safety)	S	(Special matters)
L	(Location/Extent of fire)	H	(Height)
A	(Apparatus responding)	O	(Occupancy)
C	(Construction/Collapse)	T	(Time of day)
E	(Exposures)		

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3. Arrival to Under Control:

- Initial radio report
- Follow-up radio report
- Size-up / 360 hot lap
- Additional resource requests
- Incident priorities
- Command options / Command mode
- Strategic mode
- Incident Action Plan
- Incident / Strategic objectives
- Apparatus placement
- Hose line placement and selection
- Tactical objectives
- Sufficient units & personnel
- Incident benchmarks
- Notifications
- Logistical support for personnel
- Transfer of command briefing

4. Under Control to Post Incident

- Overhaul plan with investigator
- Determine cause / origin
- Demobilization plan
- Responder / Occupant wellness
- Transfer of command briefing
- Tailboard session
- Reports, paperwork
- Notifications
- Post Incident Analysis (start thinking about)
- Lessons learned
- Email blurb to send out to all personnel providing a synopsis of what occurred