

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Incident Command & Building Incident Command

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Emergency Management Services (EMS) form an **Incident Command** when they respond to an emergency, especially when multi-agencies take action in response to situations like a large fire, natural disaster, shooters, suspect packages or bombings. They need information upon arrival (type, description and location of the emergency, the need to search for and rescue of known disabled and missing persons, types and numbers of injuries, how and where to shutdown building utility systems, etc.). The Incident Command/EMS is on the outside but needs to communicate with persons on/from the inside of the building.

The **Building Incident Command** (BIC) is the emergency staff formed by the tenant(s) inside of the affected building involved with emergency planning, response and recovery efforts. If you are management, a supervisor or a part of a BIC (Emergency Coordinator, Accountability Monitor, Floor Warden, Building Maintenance, Safety), the following free on-line courses offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are recommended (click on the course title to access):

IS-100.b - (ICS 100) Introduction to Incident Command System

This foundational course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System (ICS). It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System. (3 hours)

IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

This course introduces NIMS, a nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and other organizations to work together during domestic incidents. Included in the overview are Preparedness, Communications and Information Management, Resource Management, and Command and Management. (3 hours)

IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction

This course is intended for government executives, private-sector and nongovernmental organization leaders, and emergency management practitioners – those who have a responsibility to provide for an effective multi-agency coordinated response. (3 hours)

Other FEMA NIMS courses are also available at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingCourses.shtm>



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The BCB has one emergency plan that covers general emergency procedures for all buildings owned or operated by the Board. In addition, there is an attachment to this plan that provides detailed emergency information including BIC staff contacts for each building. Both the plan and attachment are available to BCB employees and tenant BIC staff through Internal Documents, a protected portion of the Safety webpage which requires a User ID and Password to access (obtained from BCB Safety). This emergency information has been provided electronically to the City of Columbia Fire Department for pre-planning and emergency response and a hard copy is posted for each building in a Rapid Entry Emergency Information Cabinet located on the building's exterior near the main entrance next to the Fire Department key box.

The BIC Emergency Coordinator is to provide information to the responding EMS/Incident Commander on scene (if many emergency vehicles respond, look for the SUV with the flashing green light) by relaying only vital information such as the last known locations for missing persons and persons in need, what the emergency is and where its location is, etc. Facilities Management maintenance personnel will also respond and assist EMS should any building systems need to be turned off for the emergency.

Questions: Contact BCB Safety/Resident Fire Marshals – Holly Bockow, 737-2311 or Bernie Lee, 737-2315