

4.2. INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS FORM 202)

Purpose: The Incident Objectives (ICS 202) describes the basic incident strategy, incident objectives, command emphasis/priorities, and safety considerations for use during the next operational period.

Preparation: The ICS 202 is completed by the Planning Section following each Command and General Staff meeting conducted to prepare the Incident Action Plan (IAP). In case of a Unified Command, one Incident Commander (IC) may approve the ICS 202. If additional IC signatures are used, attach a blank page.

Distribution: The ICS 202 may be reproduced with the IAP and may be part of the IAP and given to all supervisory personnel at the Section, Branch, Division/Group, and Unit levels. All completed original forms must be given to the Documentation Unit.

Notes:

- The ICS 202 is part of the IAP and can be used as the opening or cover page.
- If additional pages are needed, use a blank ICS 202 and repaginate as needed.

4.2.1. Instructions for Completing the Incident Objectives (ICS Form 202)

Block Number	Block Title	Instructions
1	Incident Name	Enter the name assigned to the incident. If needed, an incident number can be added.
2	Operational Period • Date and Time From • Date and Time To	Enter the start date (month/day/year) and time (using the 24-hour clock) and end date and time for the operational period to which the form applies.
3	Objective(s)	Enter clear, concise statements of the objectives for managing the response. Ideally, these objectives will be listed in priority order. These objectives are for the incident response for this operational period as well as for the duration of the incident. Include alternative and/or specific tactical objectives as applicable. Objectives should follow the SMART model or a similar approach: S pecific – Is the wording precise and unambiguous? M easurable – How will achievements be measured? A ction-oriented – Is an action verb used to describe expected accomplishments? R ealistic – Is the outcome achievable with given available resources? T ime-sensitive – What is the timeframe?
4	Operational Period Command Emphasis	Enter command emphasis for the operational period, which may include tactical priorities or a general weather forecast for the operational period. It may be a sequence of events or order of events to address. This is not a narrative on the objectives, but a discussion about where to place emphasis if there are needs to prioritize based on the Incident Commander's or Unified Command's direction. Examples: Be aware of falling debris, secondary explosions, etc.
	General Situational Awareness	General situational awareness may include a weather forecast, incident conditions, and/or a general safety message. If a safety message is included here, it should be reviewed by the Safety Officer to ensure it is in alignment with the Safety Message/Plan (ICS 208).
5	Site Safety Plan Required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer should check whether or not a site safety plan is required for this incident.
	Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located At	Enter the location of the approved Site Safety Plan(s).
6	Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan): <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 202 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 206 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208 <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents <u>Other Attachments:</u>	Check appropriate forms and list other relevant documents that are included in the IAP. <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 202 – Incident Objectives <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 – Organization Assignment List <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 – Assignment List <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 – Incident Radio Communications Plan <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A – Communications List <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 206 – Medical Plan <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207 – Incident Organization Chart <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 208 – Safety Message/Plan
7	Prepared by • Name • Position/Title • Signature	Enter the name, ICS position, and signature of the person preparing the form. Enter date (month/day/year) and time prepared (24-hour clock).
8	Approved by Incident Commander • Name • Signature • Date/Time	In the case of a Unified Command, one IC may approve the ICS 202. If additional IC signatures are used, attach a blank page.

