Liaison Officer Position Checklist

The following checklist should be considered as the minimum requirements for this position. Note that some of the tasks are one-time actions; others are ongoing or repetitive for the duration of the incident.

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<u>Task</u>

- 1. Obtain briefing from Incident Commander:
 - Obtain summary of incident organization (ICS Forms 201 and 203).
 - Determine companies/agencies/non-governmental organizations already involved in the incident, and whether they are assisting (have tactical equipment and/or personnel assigned to the organization), or cooperating (operating in a support mode "outside" the organization).
- 2. Obtain cooperating and assisting agency information, including:
 - Contact person(s).
 - Radio frequencies.
 - Phone numbers.
 - Cooperative agreements.
 - Resource type.
 - Number of personnel.
 - Condition of personnel and equipment.
 - Agency constraints/limitations.
- 3. Establish workspace for Liaison function and notify agency representatives of location.
- 4. Contact and brief assisting/cooperating agency representatives and mutual aid cooperators.
- 5. Interview agency representatives concerning resources and capabilities, and restrictions on use-provide this information at planning meetings.
- 6. Work with Public Information Officer and Incident Commander to coordinate media releases associated with inter-governmental cooperation issues.

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- 7. Monitor incident operations to identify potential inter-organizational problems. Keep Command apprised of such issues:
 - Bring complaints pertaining to logistical problems, inadequate communications, and strategic and tactical direction to the attention of Incident Management Team (IMT).
- 8. Participate in Planning Meetings:

Sample Planning Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item

Responsible Party

- 1 Briefing on situation/resource status.
- 2 Discuss safety issues.
- 3 Set/confirm incident objectives.
- 4 Plot control lines & Division boundaries.
- 5 Specify tactics for each Division/Group.
- 6 Specify resources needed for each Division/Group.
- 7 Specify facilities and reporting locations.
- 8 Develop resource order.
- 9 Consider communications/medical/ transportation plans.
- 10 Provide financial update.
- 11 Discuss interagency liaison issues.
- 12 Discuss information issues.
- 13 Finalize/approve/implement plan.

Planning/Operations Section Chiefs Safety Officer

Safety Officer Incident Commander Operations Section Chief Operations Section Chief Operations/Planning Section Chiefs

Operations/Planning/Logistics Section Chiefs Logistics Section Chief Logistics/Planning Section Chiefs

Finance/Administration Section Chief Liaison Officer Public Information Officer Incident Commander/All

9. Document all activity on Unit Log (ICS Form 214).