

Emergency Management Workshop for Agriculture

Introduction to Incident Command System – 100 Level

Why should you attend?

Federal and provincial government departments follow a formal Incident Command System (ICS) approach when responding to emergencies. The system was originally developed to ensure a clear and coordinated response when multiple emergency response divisions were required to work together. An example of this would be when multiple fire departments or fire teams are called in to fight a wildfire. This same ICS structure would be used for emergencies involving agriculture, such as extreme weather events or significant disease outbreaks.

The goal of these workshops is to increase producer and industry awareness and understanding of the basic concepts of emergency response protocols tailored to the unique needs/risks of their sector. This will help improve the ability and capacity of commodity sectors to prepare for, and respond effectively to, emergencies that may impact their sector or society at large.

Who should attend?

Anyone involved in agriculture and the food supply would find value in these workshops. This includes: association staff, Board and committee members, veterinarians, transporters, feed company representatives, processing staff, and other service suppliers.

What is covered?

The topics include: emergency response planning; basic features of ICS Command and general staff functions; interoperability of industry and government agencies; facilities and resources.

The workshop training materials include realistic agricultural examples and scenarios, using agricultural procedures and protocols and based on the Incident Command System approach used by the federal and provincial governments.

Participant Testimonials

“What was most valuable about this training?”

- A good understanding of how ICS can be utilized in many areas of work and personal life.
- To see the bigger picture and how everyone planning beforehand and working together can help an emergency.
- Understanding how the structure is scalable and how it can be applied to various scenarios.
- Encouraging me to go back to my organization and find ways to improve our emergency plans.
- Gave us a lot to think through and the way to think through it, which can start the conversation in our associations.
- Examples of situations that were relevant in my work field were helpful and easy to understand and remember.
- Learning how to respond strategically and all the roles that are involved, even if it's just one person taking on multiple roles.