

# Big Levels Fire



**VA-VAF-240140**

**P8SDE625**



**INCIDENT ACTION PLAN**

**Sunday**

**12/15/2024**

**0800 – 2000**



**MAPS & IAP**

## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>	<b>2. Operational Period: DAY</b>	
BIG LEVELS	Date/Time From: 12/15/2024 0800      SUN	Date/Time To: 12/15/2024 2000      SUN
<b>3. Objective(s):</b>		
<p><b>Ensure firefighter, public, and aviation safety through clear, concise leader's intent, work prioritization, and adherence to agency policy and procedures.</b></p> <p><b>Minimize fire suppression impacts to Bald Knob Salamander and Swamp Pink flora</b></p> <p><b>Protect or minimize threats and loss to all private property and other identified values at risk.</b></p> <p><b>Effectively manage incident costs by planning strategies and tactics that have a high probability of success.</b></p> <p><b>Utilize MIST (Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics) to protect the Saint Mary's Wilderness.</b></p> <p><b>Ensure timely and accurate information on fire status, strategies, and smoke impacts on communities, visitors, and adjacent landowners. Coordinate closely with State, Local and community resources on both suppression activities and public information.</b></p>		
<b>4. Operational Period Command Emphasis:</b>		
<p><b>Limit acreage on private property</b></p> <p><b>Keep fire east and south of the FSR 42 Coal Road</b></p> <p><b>Keep fire north of Cellar Mountain Trail</b></p> <p><b>Keep fire west of Bald Mountain Jeep Trail</b></p>		
<b>General Situational Awareness:</b>		
<p><b>Drive carefully as Roads will be wet and possibly still Icy. Remember our most valuable resource on is fire is you &amp; your fellow firefighters, followed by your vehicle, equipment and the natural resource itself.</b></p>		
<b>5. Site Safety Plan Required?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>		
<b>Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:</b>		
<b>6. Incident Action Plan</b> (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 202 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 206	<input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 208 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 220 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	<b>Other Attachments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOGISTICS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8-LINE
<b>7. Prepared by:</b> MICHAEL J WILLIAMS	<b>Position/Title:</b> PSC3	<b>Signature:</b> <i>Michael J Williams PSC</i>
<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b>	<b>Name:</b> BRENT FOLTZ ICT3(T)	<b>Signature:</b> <i>Brent Foltz ICT3(T)</i>
<b>ICS 202</b>	<b>IAP Page</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b> 12/14/2024 1800





## Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)

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<b>4. Operations Personnel</b>						
<b>OPERATIONS CHIEF</b>		JOSH JOHNSON CHRIS SCHULTZ (T)		<b>DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR</b>		
				ED SMITH		
<b>HELIBASE MANAGER</b>				<b>SAFETY OFFICER</b>		
				DANIEL COTTRELL (T)		
<b>5. Resources Assigned this Period</b>						
Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator		LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
O-12 HEQB		12/22	SHREVE	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
O-11 HEQB(T)		12/22	MARCOS	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
O-47 HEQB (T)		12/20	COLYER	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-6 MBM4 RX FIRE EFFECTS LLC		12/23	WOOD	2	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-11 MBM4 RX FIRE EFFECTS LLC		12/23	GRIMES	2	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-7 VUTV RX FIRE EFFECTS		12/23	MATTHEWS	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
O-21 EMTF EMERGENCY RESPONSE FIRE		12/23	BURNS	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
O-55 REAF		12/16	BERES	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
<b>6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:</b>						
<p>Limit acreage to private property.                  Keep fire south of Bald Mountain Jeep Trail                  Continue to improve Jeep Trail Contingency line.</p> <p>* IA Resources are designated by an asterisk *</p>						
<b>7. Special Instructions:</b>						
<p>Look in Field maps for Locations of T&amp;E Species and minimize impact in those areas.                  5140 is the Gate code for the Blue Ridge Parkway Gates for fire access.</p>						
<b>8. Division/Group Communication Summary</b>						
Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode
COMMAND	C-5 ELLIOT	169.9500		166.200		
TACTICAL	C-11 TAC 1	169.1875		169.1875		
AIR TO GROUND	C-15	167.525		167.525		
<b>9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)</b>		<b>Approved By (Planning Section Chief)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
MICHAEL J WILLIAMS		MICHAEL J WILLIAMS		12/14/2024	1600	

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O-29 ICT4		12/23	HEALY	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
C-1 CR2I - PATRICK ENVIRONMENTAL		12/23	BEARD	20	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
C-4 CR2I - MILLER TIMBER SERVICES		12/26	BUCHER	20	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-8 VUTV RX FIRE EFFECTS		12/23	SHOWALTER	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-13 VUTV RX FIRE EFFECTS		12/26	MARTIN	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
E-14 VUTV RX FIRE EFFECTS		12/26	GREENHAM	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
O-61 EMPF EMERGENCY RESPONSE FIRE		12/26	OLSEN	1	ICP/0700	ICP/2000
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### GROUP / ZONE 6 – GLENWOOD / PEDLAR

	LABEL	RX FREQUENCY	MODE	RX CG	RX NAC	TX FREQUENCY	MODE	TX CG	TX NAC	TLK GRP	BW
Ch. 1	GP DIRECT	171.5250	D		\$F7E	171.5250	D		\$68F	1	N
Ch. 2	ROCKY MTN	171.5250	D		\$F7E	164.1375	D		\$61F	1	N
Ch. 3	APPLE ORCH	171.5250	D		\$F7E	164.1375	D		\$68F	1	N
Ch. 4	NAT BRIDGE	171.5250	D		\$F7E	164.1375	D		\$40B	1	N
Ch. 5	ELLIOT	169.9500	D		\$F7E	166.2000	D		\$526	1	N
Ch. 6	SINKING	171.5750	D		\$F7E	164.9375	D		\$4CE	1	N
Ch. 7	NPS-1 SHEN	167.1500	A	127.3		167.1500	A	127.3			N
Ch. 8	PORT RPTR	171.5250	D		\$F7E	164.1375	D		\$5EA	1	N
Ch. 9	SE COMPACT	159.2850	A	000.0		159.2850	A	000.0			N
Ch. 10	R8	166.5625	A	000.0		166.5625	A	000.0			N
Ch. 11	TAC 1	169.1875	A	000.0		169.1875	A	000.0			N
Ch. 12	TAC 2	169.1250	A	000.0		169.1250	A	000.0			N
Ch. 13	TAC 3	168.7250	A	000.0		168.7250	A	000.0			N
Ch. 14	AIR / GND 06	166.8000	A	000.0		166.8000	A	000.0			N
Ch. 15	AIR / GND 15	167.5250	A	000.0		167.5250	A	000.0			N
Ch. 16	AIR GUARD	168.6250	A	110.9		168.6250	A	110.9			N



## Winter Weather Driving Tips:

- **Drive slowly.** Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- **Accelerate and decelerate slowly.** Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- **Increase your following distance** to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- **Know your brakes.** Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- **Don't stop if you can avoid it.** There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- **Don't power up hills.** Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- **Don't stop going up a hill.** There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.



# Finance Message

Finance Email: [2024.biglevels.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.biglevels.finance@firenet.gov)

Finance Contact Number – Anna Bryant 540-988-3975

PLEASE ENSURE THE BELOW DOCUMENTS ARE EMAILED TO: [2024.biglevels.finance@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.biglevels.finance@firenet.gov)

Overhead, Crews & Cooperator Resources	Contract Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Check-In:</b> Crew Manifest, Cooperative Agreement (if applies), AD Hire Letter, Resource Order</li><li>• <b>Daily:</b> Crew Time Report (CTR), Shift Tickets</li><li>• <b>Demob:</b> Signed OF288, Final Equipment Use Invoice (Cooperator)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Check-In:</b> Resource Order, Finance Copy Contract/Agreement, Certifications (<i>if required</i>), Pre-Inspection</li><li>• <b>Daily:</b> Shift Tickets, receipts (claims, hotels, etc.)</li><li>• <b>Demob:</b> Contractor Evaluations, Final Shift Tickets and receipt(s) for Additions/ Deductions, Post-Inspection, Final Signed Invoices</li></ul>

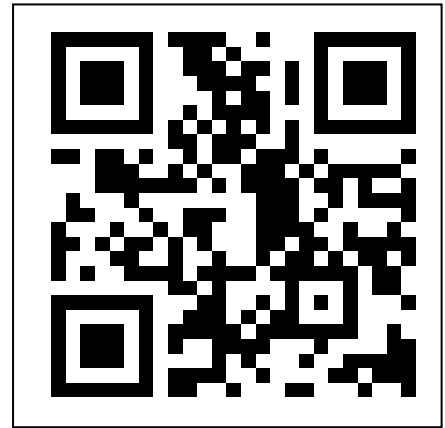
## REMINDER

- ★ *All emergency responders are expected to record actual time worked each day; there are no guaranteed shift lengths to maximize time charged under policy.*
- ★ WHEN CLAIMING **HAZARD PAY** YOU MUST INCLUDE THE SUPPRESSION ACTION BEING PERFORMED. THIS INCLUDES OPERATIONS WHICH DIRECTLY SUPPORT CONTROL OF FIRE (E.G., ACTIVITIES TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE, FIREFIGHTING, GROUND SCOUTING, SPOT FIRE PATROLLING, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND BACKFIRING). – PER PMS902 – YELLOW BOOK
- ★ PLEASE SHOW YOUR LUNCH BREAK – IF **NO BREAK SHOWN IT \*MUST\* BE JUSTIFIED** IN COMMENTS

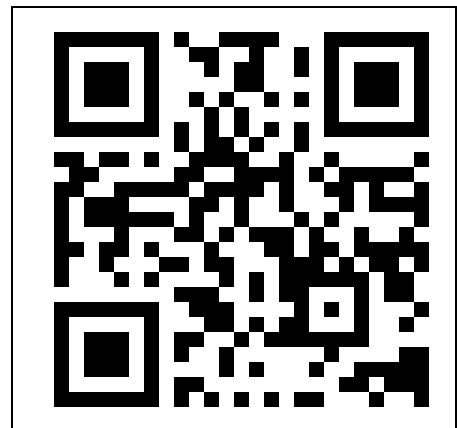
# Big Levels Fire Information



George Washington – Jefferson  
National Forest  
Facebook Page



George Washington – Jefferson  
National Forest  
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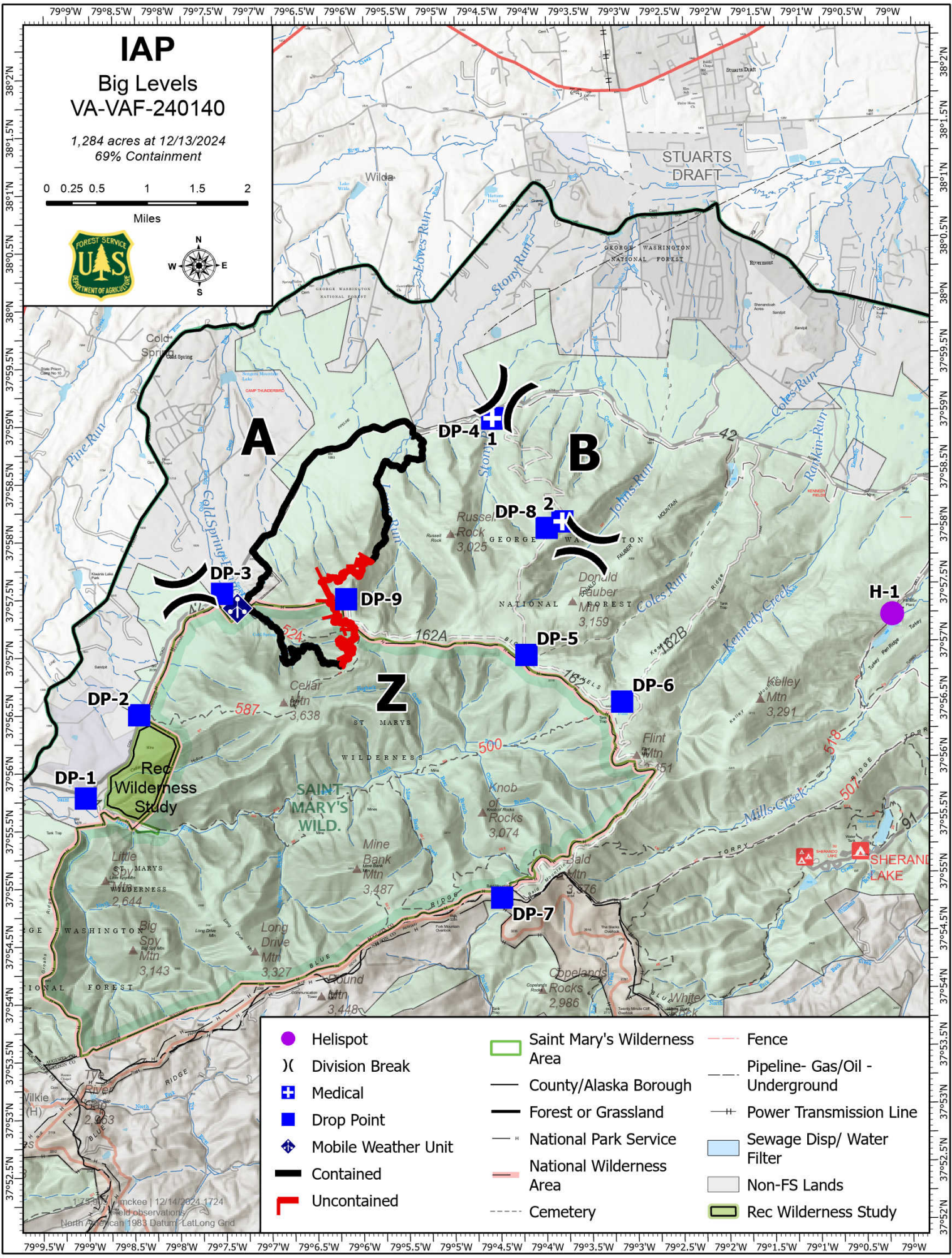


The Big Levels Fire is currently burning in the St. Mary's Wilderness near Steeles Tavern and Greenville, VA.

For current information, to include road closures, please use the QR codes about on your mobile device.

Fire Info email: [2024.biglevels@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.biglevels@firenet.gov)

\* We welcome pictures if you would like to share \*



# IAP

Big Levels  
VA-VAF-240140

1,284 acres at 12/13/2024  
69% Containment



**A**

**B**

**Z**

**H-1**

- |                     |                              |                                 |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Helispot            | Saint Mary's Wilderness Area | Fence                           |
| Division Break      | County/Alaska Borough        | Pipeline- Gas/Oil - Underground |
| Medical             | Forest or Grassland          | Power Transmission Line         |
| Drop Point          | National Park Service        | Sewage Disp/ Water Filter       |
| Mobile Weather Unit | National Wilderness Area     | Non-FS Lands                    |
| Contained           | Cemetery                     | Rec Wilderness Study            |
| Uncontained         |                              |                                 |

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12/14/2024 1724  
field observations  
North American 1983 Datum Lat/Long Grid



## MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b>	<b>2. Operational Period:</b> Date From: _____ Time From: _____	Date To: _____ Time To: _____
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3. Medical Aid Stations:			
Name	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Paramedics on Site?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Transportation (indicate air or ground):			
Ambulance Service	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Level of Service
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS

5. Hospitals:							
Hospital Name	Address, Latitude & Longitude if Helipad	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Travel Time		Trauma Center	Burn Center	Helipad
			Air	Ground			
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>6. Special Medical Emergency Procedures:</b>          <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if aviation assets are utilized for rescue. If assets are used, coordinate with Air Operations.
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<b>7. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader):</b> Name: _____ Signature: <u>Dan Cottrell SOF3(t)</u>
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<b>8. Approved by (Safety Officer):</b> Name: _____ Signature: <u>Dan Cottrell SOF3(t)</u>
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ICS 206	IAP Page _____	Date/Time: _____
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## Medical Incident Report

**FOR A NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT, WORK THROUGH CHAIN OF COMMAND TO REPORT AND TRANSPORT INJURED PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY.**

**FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: IDENTIFY ON-SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDER BY NAME AND POSITION AND ANNOUNCE "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" TO INITIATE RESPONSE FROM IMT COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH.**

Use the following items to communicate situation to communications / dispatch.

1. **CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH** (Verify correct frequency prior to starting report) *Ex: "Communications, Div. Alpha. Stand-by for Emergency Traffic."*
2. **INCIDENT STATUS:** *Provide incident summary (including number of patients) and command structure.*  
*Ex: "Communications, I have a Red priority patient, unconscious, struck by a falling tree. Requesting air ambulance to Forest Road 1 at (Lat./Long.) This will be the Trout Meadow Medical, IC is TFLD Jones. EMT Smith is providing medical care."*

Severity of Emergency / Transport Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RED / PRIORITY 1</b> Life or limb threatening injury or illness. Evacuation need is IMMEDIATE <i>Ex: Unconscious, difficulty breathing, bleeding severely, 2° – 3° burns more than 4 palm sizes, heat stroke, disoriented.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>YELLOW / PRIORITY 2</b> Serious Injury or illness. Evacuation may be DELAYED if necessary <i>Ex: Significant trauma, unable to walk, 2° – 3° burns not more than 1-3 palm sizes.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GREEN / PRIORITY 3</b> Minor Injury or illness. Non-Emergency transport <i>Ex: Sprains, strains, minor heat-related illness.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Purple/Other</b> Non Fire-related incident other potential critical incidents <i>Ex: Unaccounted for incident resources, threats to employees, chemical spills, incidents not requiring the use of ICS-206 but requiring IMT response</i>	
Nature of Injury or Illness & Mechanism of Injury		<i>Brief Summary of Injury or Illness (Ex: Unconscious, Struck by Falling Tree)</i>
Evacuation Request		<i>Air Ambulance / Short Haul/Hoist Ground Ambulance / Other</i>
Patient Location		<i>Descriptive Location &amp; Lat. / Long. (WGS84)</i>
Incident Name		<i>Geographic Name + Medical (Ex: Trout Meadow Medical)</i>
On-Scene Incident Commander		<i>Name of on-scene IC of Incident within an Incident (Ex: TFLD Jones)</i>
Patient Care		<i>Name of Care Provider (Ex: EMT Smith)</i>

**3. INITIAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT:** *Complete this section for each patient as applicable (start with the most severe patient)*

Patient Assessment: See IRPG PAGE 106

Treatment:

**4. EVACUATION PLAN:**

Evacuation Location (*if different*): (*Descriptive Location (drop point, intersection, etc.) or Lat. / Long.*) Patient's ETA to Evacuation Location:

Helispot / Extraction Site Size and Hazards:

**5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / EQUIPMENT NEEDS:**

*Example: Paramedic/EMT, crews, immobilization devices, AED, oxygen, trauma bag, IV/fluid(s), splints, rope rescue, wheeled litter, HAZMAT, extrication*

**6. COMMUNICATIONS: Identify State Air/Ground EMS Frequencies and Hospital Contacts as applicable**

Function	Channel Name/Number	Receive (RX)	Tone/NAC *	Transmit (TX)	Tone/NAC *
COMMAND					
AIR-TO-GRND					
TACTICAL					

**7. CONTINGENCY:** Considerations: *If primary options fail, what actions can be implemented in conjunction with primary evacuation method? Be thinking ahead..*

**8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** *Updates/Changes, etc.*

**REMEMBER:** Confirm ETAs of resources ordered. Act according to your level of training. Be Alert. Keep Calm. Think Clearly. Act Decisively.