

1. Incident Name	2. Operational Period (Date/Time) From: _____ To: _____	Command Direction ICS 202A
3. Key Decisions and Procedures:		
4. Priorities:		
5. Limitations and Constraints:		
6. Prepared by: (Planning Section Chief)		Date/Time

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose. The Command Direction form supplements the ICS 202 form by documenting the IC/UC strategic direction and guidance through Key Decisions/Procedures, Priorities and Limitations/Constraints for use during the next operational period.

Preparation. The Command Direction form is completed by the Planning Section following each Unified Command Objectives Meeting conducted (input may be made during the Initial Unified Command Meeting) and aids with Command Direction for the Command and General Staff meeting and when preparing the Incident Action Plan.

Distribution. The Command Direction form may be included with 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.

Item #	Item Title	Instructions
1.	Incident Name	Enter the name assigned to the incident.
2.	Operational Period	Enter the time interval for which the form applies. Record the start and end operational period date and time.
3.	Key Decisions and Procedures	Enter operational guiding measures from the Unified Command. Provide IMT process guidance for delegation of authority, agency cooperation, cost sharing, resource ordering and other administrative guidance.
4.	Priorities	Enter clear, concise statements of strategic direction for managing the response. These priorities are for the incident response for this operational period and for the duration of the incident. Listed in order of importance.
5.	Limitations and Constraints	Enter clear, concise guidelines for response limiting factors and restrictions due to operations, weather, jurisdictions, resources and parameters agreed upon by the Unified Command.
6.	Prepared by	Enter the name of the person completing the form (usually the Planning Section Chief).
	Date/Time	Enter date (month, day, and year) and time prepared (24-hour clock).

NOTE: The 03/2013 version changes the order from Priorities, Limitations/Constraints and Key Decisions to Key Decisions/Procedures, Priorities and Limitations/Constraints because that is the order they will be developed by the UC and briefed to the Incident Management Team. The new version also corrected some typographical errors and explanation of preparation and use of the form.