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**CERT UNIT 6 – ICS – INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM
HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT**

Read Unit 6 in the CERT Participants Manual and fill in the blanks below.

CERT ORGANIZATION

Emergency on-scene management in a disaster situation is needed to:

- _____ . CERT Incident Commanders must continually prioritize response activities based on the team’s capability and training and the principle that rescuer safety is the number-one concern. CERT functional leadership assigns activities and accounts for team members. CERT team members work in the buddy system and respond based on their sizeup of the situations that they encounter.
- _____ by developing a chain of command and roles that are known by all team members. Each CERT member has only one person that he or she takes direction from and responds to.
- _____ . Disaster information is collected and responses are prioritized based on rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number according to the team’s capabilities and training.

Based on the principles of ICS, CERTs follow these protocols:

- Each CERT must establish _____.
- The CERT Incident Commander/Team Leader (IC/TL) directs team activities. During activation for a disaster, the first person at a predesignated staging area _____. The initial IC/TL may hand off this role to _____.
- The location established by the CERT IC/TL as the central point for command and control of the incident is called the Command Post for the CERT. The IC/TL stays in the Command Post. If the IC/TL has to leave, the _____.

DOCUMENTATION

It is vital to document and communicate information about the disaster situation and resource status. Efficient flow of information makes it possible for resources to be deployed effectively and for professional emergency services to be applied appropriately.

Under the CERT organization, each level of authority has documentation responsibilities:

- Section Chiefs are responsible for _____ about damage assessment, group status, and ongoing needs.
- The Command Post is responsible for documenting the situation status, including:
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - _____.

This documentation must be provided to _____ on the scene.

This information is vital for tracking the overall situation.