**NICS**

Next-Generation Incident Command System

Talking Points

**What**

- A web-based command & control environment for large-scale to extreme-scale incidents that facilitates collaboration across Federal, Tribal, Military, State, County, & Local/Municipal levels of preparedness, planning, response, and recovery for all-risk/all-hazard events; facilitates situational awareness

- Sponsored by the Science & Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security

- **Open standards:** Any computer, Any operating system, Any browser

- **Non-proprietary:** Not vendor owned; this is a community development project

- **App Store model:** Apps can be developed by anyone, with easy plug-&-play functionality

- **Always improving:** Like the Web, NICS will never be done; it will always be improved and adapted by the community

- **No cost** to Emergency Responders

- **Tired - Dirty - Hungry:** Carefully designed for the responder under extreme stress

**Who**

- **Unified Command**
  - IC for the Project and for Technical Development: MIT Lincoln Laboratory
  - Deputy IC representing the Fire & Rescue Community: CAL FIRE
  - Deputy IC representing the Government: Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Directorate
  - Representative for the Law Enforcement Community: Riverside County Sheriff’s Department
  - Representative for the OES and Non-Government Organization (NGOs) Communities: Riverside County Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES)

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