

<b>Initial Incident Scene Duties</b>	<h1>Fire Engineering</h1>	Standard References NFPA 1521; 6.1.4
	<h1>Safety Officer</h1>	
<i>Instructors should always include department references and procedures in this and any training session.</i>		

### Initial Briefing from Command

Background: Upon arrival at an incident, the safety officer should meet face-to-face with the incident commander. The purpose of this meeting is to establish an understanding of a number of incident factors. This establishes the relationship of the safety officer to the IC as a member of the Command Staff in which the safety officer reports directly to the IC. The safety officer acts as a function of command and acts with the authority and responsibility of the incident commander.



## Safety Officer

### Local Applications

- ⇒ What types of incidents is an ISO due to respond to in your department?
- ⇒ Where is command typically positioned on an incident scene?
- ⇒ What forms of an incident command worksheet does your department utilize?
- ⇒ How is your position accounted for during the incident?
- ⇒ What will your radio designation and frequency typically be?
- ⇒ When you begin your size-up what are the first observations you will make on the incident scene?

### Initial On-Scene Actions

1. Upon arrival, position vehicle as to not cause traffic hazard or congestion at incident scene.
2. Don appropriate protective clothing and safety officer identifier according to department policy.
3. Take any necessary equipment, checklist or tools required
4. Report to IC for briefing.
5. Check into accountability system.

### Initial IC Briefing

- Determine initial incident strategy
- Review available action plan
- Identify any significant incident events
  - Fire behavior
  - Forcible entry
  - Hoseline advancement
  - Collapse indicators
  - Ventilation
  - Rescue
- Determine overall incident priorities
  - >Rescue
  - >Incident Stabilization
  - >Property Conservation
- Are there any initial safety concerns
- Resources enroute or available
- What conditions or actions does the IC want to be evaluated by the safety officer
- Begin size-up and report actions