

## SECTION VI— INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IMS)

### 6.4 ACTION PLAN

- 6.4.1 As soon as reasonably possible, the IC shall develop and implement an action plan to mitigate the situation. It may be necessary to expand, reduce, or revise the action plan as fire or other emergency conditions change.
- 6.4.2 The IC shall determine one of two basic modes of operation when developing the action plan, **Offensive** or **Defensive**, and inform fire fighting units operating which mode is in affect. The mode of operation may be changed by the IC during the course of the incident as fire conditions or other circumstances require. The IC shall insure all operating divisions confirm this mode change. The changing of modes is critically vital when changing from an interior offensive mode to an exterior defensive mode at structure fires.
- 6.4.3 After determining the mode of operation and considering fire fighter safety and survival, the action plan shall be based upon the following tactical priorities:
- Priority 1 — Rescue
  - Priority 2 — Fire Control/Containment
  - Priority 3 — Property Conservation
- 6.4.4 Development of the action plan should include the following basic steps:
- Evaluate conditions
  - Develop the tactical approach
  - Identify the tactical needs
  - Identify the available resources
  - Make assignments necessary to commence action
- The development of the action plan provides for command and control of the incident and should be completed quickly.
- 6.4.5 Once the action plan has been completed, the IC must issue directives assigning as many groups or divisions as may be required to accomplish the established objectives.
- 6.4.6 The IC shall announce when the situation has been mitigated or placed "***under control***". "***Under control***" during actual fire incidents shall mean when the IC has determined that no further fire spread will occur, the incident will not escalate, and that it is unlikely that further resources will be needed. During rescue incidents, "***under control***" shall be understood to mean when extrication is complete, the incident will not escalate, and it is unlikely that further resources will be needed. During other emergency incidents, "***under control***" shall be understood to mean when the emergency incident has in some way been mitigated, the incident will not escalate, and it is unlikely that further resources will be needed.