SIMTABLE | BASIC INCIDENT COMMANDER

Operational ICS Student Checklist
San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council

1. INITIAL SIZE-UP

- ■ Incident location, type, size, and current conditions
- ■ Fire behavior, fuels, weather, and topography
- ■ Life safety, structures, infrastructure, and other values at risk
- ■ Access, escape routes, safety zones, and hazards
- ■ Available, assigned, and responding resources

2. INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

- ■ Protect public and firefighter life safety
- ■ Stabilize and contain the incident
- ■ Protect property and critical infrastructure
- ■ State priorities and overall strategy

3. RESOURCE ASSIGNMENTS

- ■ Establish command, organization, and communications
- ■ Assign resources to tactical tasks, divisions, or groups
- ■ Identify additional resource needs and request support
- ■ Maintain accountability and span of control

4. OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ■ Evacuation warnings, orders, and public information
- ■ Fire spread, weather changes, and trigger points
- ■ Contingency plans and alternate access/egress
- ■ Coordination with law enforcement and partner agencies
- ■ Resource limitations and operational constraints

5. REASSESSMENT & COMMAND

- ■ Check progress toward objectives and safety
- ■ Update incident strategy and resource assignments
- ■ Provide incident status updates and briefings

Student exercise: Deliver a 60-second IC briefing covering incident conditions, primary objectives, strategy, resource assignments, and immediate safety concerns.