[insert incident name]

Scenario Background

Background

This morning, a construction crew was working on a broken water main at ***[insert location***]. The purpose of the excavation was to uncover a water main that broke last night. The water service was shut down to a localized area to allow the crews to complete the repair. At 0710 hours the backhoe struck and damaged a high-pressure natural gas main, causing a large uncontrolled leak. ***[Note: if natural gas is not present in the jurisdiction, change the initiating event to an accident involving a propane truck.]*** This leak continued while the crew evacuated the nearby vicinity and warned traffic and pedestrians away. The gas collected in the excavation site as well as nearby buildings. At 0722 hours a large explosion occurred. The fireball could be seen from a long distance away.

The explosion caused the collapse of the front of a ***[insert location of a multi-story ordinary constructed residential building with a similarly constructed adjoining structure]***. A number of nearby buildings were damaged and window glass was blown out from numerous buildings within several surrounding blocks. First Responders arrived and began to assess the conditions and render aid. Law enforcement began isolating the site and redirecting traffic to grant access to emergency vehicles.

Current Information

Here is what is known, as of about 30 minutes ago:

* The involved area includes a two-block area around the explosion.
* The fire at the excavation site continues to burn while the ***[insert gas utility name]*** works to shut the gas main down.
* Due to the broken gas main, gas service in an undefined area is also interrupted.
* A number of the injured have been treated at the scene, but a large number are still awaiting transportation to a hospital.
* Searches are being conducted of the area and damaged vehicles for any injured.
* An unknown number of people are feared trapped in the collapsed structures.
* Water service at the location remains shut down, hampering firefighting efforts.
* Surface searches of the collapsed structures have begun. Three (3) injured individuals have been removed; their condition is unknown.
* There are several small fires in and around the rubble of the collapsed structures.
* Response efforts are delayed due to debris in the area and on the roads.

Today’s Weather

The weather today is anticipated to be moderate temperatures of 70–75°F, relative humidity 30–40%; winds will be light from the southwest @ 3–5 mph. ***[If necessary, adjust the weather to suite your locale.]***

Requesting Resources and Supplies

The ***[insert the name and location of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) responsible for supporting the incident]*** has been activated and is available to process resource orders and support your activities.

Transfer of Command

The Agency Administrator (AA) Briefing will last 30 minutes or less. The current IC has completed an ICS 201 Incident Briefing Form for your use and is ready to transfer command immediately to your AHIMT. You will assume command of this incident after the Initial IC Briefing has concluded.

Expectations

The ***[insert the title and name of the Agency Administrator (AA)]*** has the following expectations of any incident management organization that works for ***[insert name of the jurisdiction]***. Their expectations of you while managing the incident include:

1. All operations will be conducted with the safety of the public and responders in mind. Protection of life is your highest priority.
2. Accountability for safety is your first and most important responsibility. All members of your team must observe a Zero Tolerance for any careless or unsafe action. As Incident Commander, take the appropriate actions to ensure that everyone involved in managing this incident knows and follows nationally recognized safety practices.
3. Give special consideration to First Responder safety, especially with respect to aviation operations, working around heavy equipment. When there are competing priorities, life safety is the highest priority in your strategic and tactical decisions, rather than jeopardizing responder and public safety.
4. All incident-related operations within your area of responsibility will be coordinated with the respective departments and agencies of ***[insert name of the affected jurisdiction.]*** A map your area of responsibility will be provided.
5. A map of this area will be provided.
6. Manage equipment and supplies to ensure minimum losses.
7. Provide public information regarding progress of the response and the hazards and risks to the public. Coordinate the activities with the ***[insert jurisdiction name]*** Public Information Office.
8. Your AHIMT will directly coordinate with all appropriate local and state agencies.

Incident Management Team Performance

A formal evaluation of any AHIMT’s performance will be conducted prior to their departure from the incident. This formal evaluation may be followed up within 60 days after their departure once ***[insert name of the AA’s agency]*** has had the opportunity to review accountability, claims, financial matters, and other items, which take time to evaluate.