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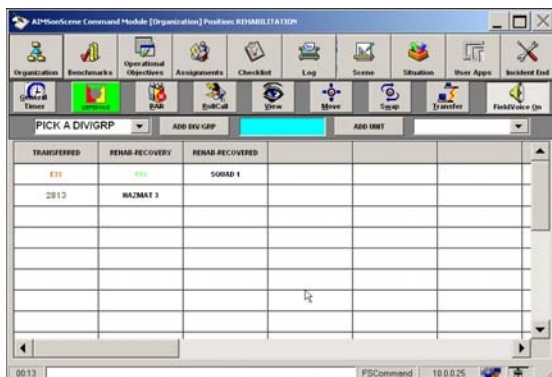
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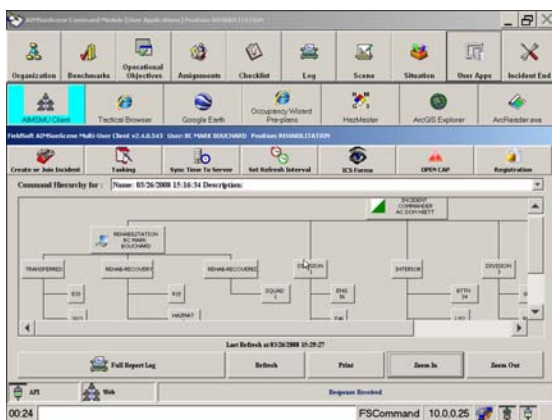
Did You Know That

AIMSonScene software can be used by multiple people on the incident scene, not just the incident commander (Command). Command and the Rehabilitation supervisor (Rehab) for example could each use separate copies of AIMSonScene to meet and exceed NFPA 1584 (*Standard on Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises*) requirements.



Rehab could as shown above create two groups within her copy of AIMSonSceneP2P. One group could be “Rehab – Recovery” and the other “Rehab – Recovered”. A resource such as E33 above could be moved to the Rehab – Recovery column from “Transferred” when the crew physically reports to Rehab. Hazmat 3 could be moved to the Rehab – Recovered column when ready for reassignment. At that point the crew could be transferred back to Command.

Command could even personally monitor the status of crewmembers in Rehab if desired. All that would be needed is for Command and Rehab to both run multi-user versions of AIMSonScene. A fully automated ICS 207 view of the incident organization as shown below would then be available.



AIMSonScene Undergoing NIMS Support Center (SC) STEP Evaluation

The NIMS SC provides tools and services that support implementation of NIMS. One such service is the voluntary Supporting Technologies Evaluation Program (STEP).

The Step process is an independent assessment of hardware and software. Assessment purpose is to “create a uniform level of compliance, expand technology solutions, and provide the emergency response community with findings to assist in making informed procurement decisions that support system interoperability and NIMS”. Assessment findings should be available for review by interested parties on a FEMA web page.

The NIMS SC, located in Somerset, KY., began the AIMSonScene assessment in February. Assessment areas addressed included:

- Identification of capabilities and areas for product improvements
- Incorporation of NIMS concepts and principles
- Adherence to Oasis Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) v1.1 standard

FieldSoft is awaiting AIMSonScene assessment findings, which the company will use as guidelines for future software features and enhancements.

Additional information regarding NIMS STEP can be found at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_testing.shtm.

NFPA 1561 and “Emergency Traffic”

Section 6.3.1 NFPA 1561 (*Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System*, 2008 edition) includes the following requirement for responders assigned to an area designated as “immediately dangerous to life or health”.

“at least one responder on each crew or company shall be equipped with a portable radio and each responder on the crew or company shall be equipped with either a portable radio or another means of electronic communication” [emphasis added]

Many departments are already meeting the requirement by issuing portable radios to each responder on a unit. Some are not however, currently able to issue radios to every first responder on scene. Those departments may want to look into the Grace Industries In-Command and TPASS IV

wireless accountability system (<http://www.graceindustries.com>). System components provide two way “electronic communication” between first responders in the hazard zone and the incident commander. In-Command and TPASS technology is one of only two systems on the market today that actually *integrates* automated responder accountability into the ICS system.

Note as an aside that Motorola’s Fireground Communication Systems (<http://www.motorola.com/>) is the only other wireless system that integrates ICS and accountability, rather than treating it as something totally separate from ICS.

Your department may want to investigate one or both of the mentioned solutions if you need to meet Section 6.3.1 requirements, and also desire to more effectively and *much more efficiently* integrate and manage ICS and responder accountability.

Grant Funding For AIMSonScene

Current and prospective customers have asked if “grant funds” have been used to purchase AIMSonScene. The answer is yes. Over the last few years both the Bedford Park, IL. and Evergreen Park, IL. FDs used grant funds for AIMSonScene. In addition, the Orland, IL. Fire District, used the grant process to fund their purchase of Motorola’s Fireground Communications System.

The Westminster, S.C. Fire Department and Madison, WI. Fire Department both purchased AIMSonScene software licenses and software support in the last 30 days with Fire Act grant funds. Westminster purchased a jurisdiction wide AIMSonScene license while Madison selected 15 AIMSonSceneP2P licenses and three days of training.

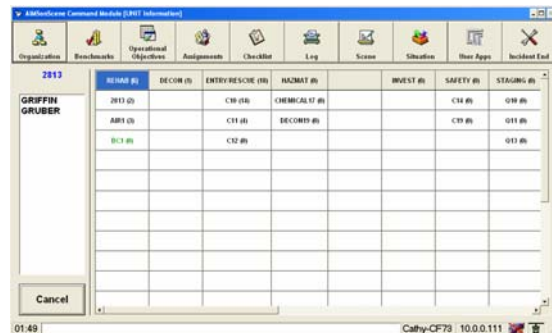
Speaking of the Fire Act, remember that grant applications for the fiscal year 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program need to be submitted by Friday, April 4, 2008 at 5 pm. Contact an approved AIMSonScene VAR, reseller or FieldSoft itself prior to April 4th if your agency needs product information for your application.

Note that needed hardware and software (whether it be AIMSonScene or something else) in all probability qualifies under one or more other grant opportunities as well. General guidance regarding fiscal year 2008 federal grant funding in 14 different areas is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1201913567007.shtm. A fiscal year 2008 fact sheet regarding federal grants can be found at http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_20188232614.shtm. Last, but by no means least, go to <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm> for a FEMA overview of grant programs.

Next AIMSonScene Software Update Will Include A Substantial Feature Enhancement

The next set of AIMSonScene software updates will be available on or about May 30, 2008. The updates will be available at <http://www.fieldsoft.com/ssse> as in the past.

A scheduled feature enhancement will free AIMSonScene users from having to “Remove” an assigned crewmember from one resource before the responder can be added to another individual resource. Rather, users will be presented with a new screen (shown below) upon clicking a crewmember “Move” button. End users may then select one or more responders that need to be moved, and then click on the resource to which the responder(s) will be assigned.



The enhancement will also allow users to quickly see the number of crewmembers assigned to each resource, as well as the total number crewmembers assigned to each division or group.

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