

Transfer of XOR City personnel into the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS)

As the Orange County Operational Area Coordinator, OCFA keeps a record of all XOR agency personnel who hold ICS positions in ROSS, both trainee and job qualified.

While not mandatory, CICCS recommends the use of Incident Qualification System (IQS) software. This software was created by the National association of State Foresters and NWCG. The program follows NWCG PMS 310-1 and was written on Microsoft Access. It is very low cost, and can be downloaded from the internet.

Features of IQS include: Tracking of training, experience, fitness, and incident data; ability to add agency specific courses to the data base (in addition to those listed in NWCG PMS 310-1), task book tracking, availability of individuals listed for dispatch and tracking of all ICS qualified individuals from an agency. In brief, the individuals that are listed in IQS will mirror those listed in ROSS.

Another benefit of IQS is that it permits the uploading of agency ICS positions to ROSS through an electronic attachment, thereby assuring accuracy to the home unit.

When uploading to ROSS through IQS, the following process has been established:

- E-mail or hand deliver (memory stick) the IQS upload for ROSS to the EPAC Battalion Chief (currently Chief Mike Ferdig mikeferdig@ocfa.org) or his designee, OCFA IQS Coordinator Brian Norton (briannorton@ocfa.org).
- Include with the upload a written list of the changes being made (John Doe STEN-T to STEN).
- The information will be documented and the “IQS Upload for ROSS” will be promptly uploaded to ROSS by OCFA ECC personnel.

If IQS is not utilized by the XOR agency, a similar but more time consuming process is utilized.

Remember that with proper training and pre-fire season planning there should be little or no need for “last minute” requests to the OCFA ECC for personnel changes in ROSS. These last minute changes often result in confusion and delayed response.