

Facility Administrator Tasks

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eICS follows the national framework for Incident Command Systems (ICSs), and as such, setting up the system properly is important. There are four main user roles in eICS, the Domain Administrator, Facility Administrator, Facility Staff, and Facility Staff Limited, who each play a vital role in setup.

In brief:

- Domain Administrators structure and organize eICS. They also create facilities when necessary, and maintain the system's automated notifications.
- Facility Administrators set up the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for their facility, including ICS positions and depth charts, incident response guides (IRGs), internal and external contacts, and library materials.
- Facility Staff enter contact and availability information and fill ICS positions in the event of an emergency. Users with the Facility Staff role can create incidents. Those with the Facility Staff Limited role cannot create incidents.

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Setup Check List

Facility Administrators can edit multiple plans the Domain Administrator has made available to accommodate varying standards, command requirements, and to meet the needs of their organization's hierarchy. However, only one EOP can be active at any given time.

eICS plans offer flexible organization chart features that allow an administrator to construct the hierarchy appropriate to their facility, agency, or organization, specify the appropriate incident response guides, and add to or change positions in the plan.

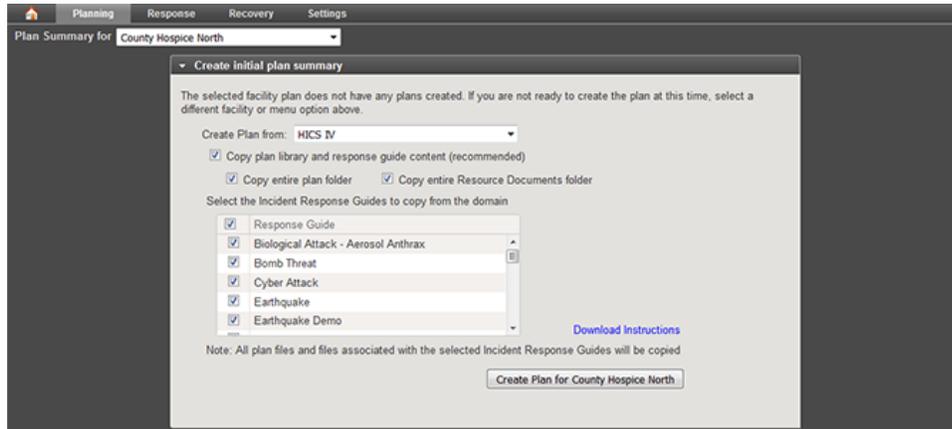
The following table lists the high-level steps to take in setting up your facility's eICS environment.

Task	Location in eICS	Instructions
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Create a Plan

Planning > Plan Summary

For the initial setup, you must create a plan. You can choose to base your plan on any of the plan templates that are available to you. When you first access this page in eICS, you are prompted to set up a plan.



1. Choose the template from **Create Plan from**.
2. Select the library and incident response guide options. By default, all are selected. We generally recommend that you leave all selected.
3. Click **Create Plan for (facility name)**.

It may take a few moments for the system to create the facility. When it is done, the plan opens in eICS.

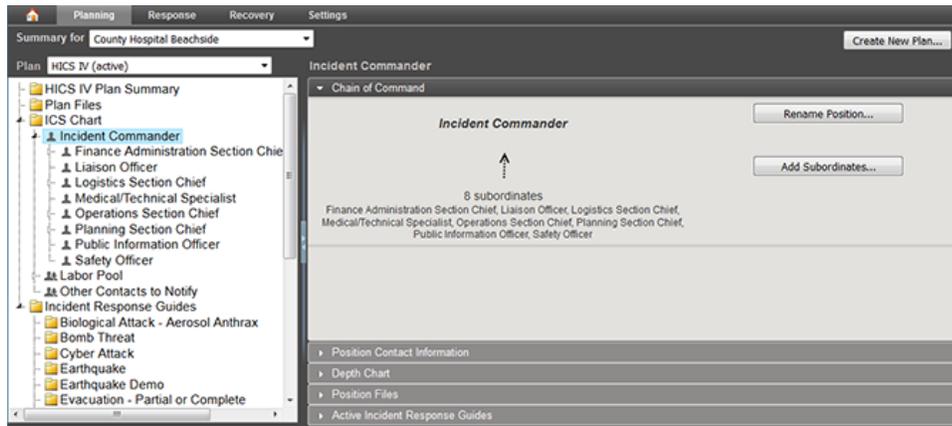
The *Create initial plan summary* window also contains a **Download Instructions** link to a quick reference guide that walks you through creating and configuring a plan.

Refer also to [Plan Summary](#).

Identify ICS Positions

Planning > Plan Summary > ICS Chart

The plan you copied comes with a default ICS Chart and positions.



Your next task is to identify the ICS positions for the plan. This can involve renaming positions and changing the chain of command. You may also decide to use the chart as is.

1. On the left, click a position name. The right side shows its details.
2. In the **Chain of Command** drawer on the right, rename the position, add subordinates, change the supervisor, or delete the position.
3. Click the **Position Contact Information** drawer and enter the appropriate information.

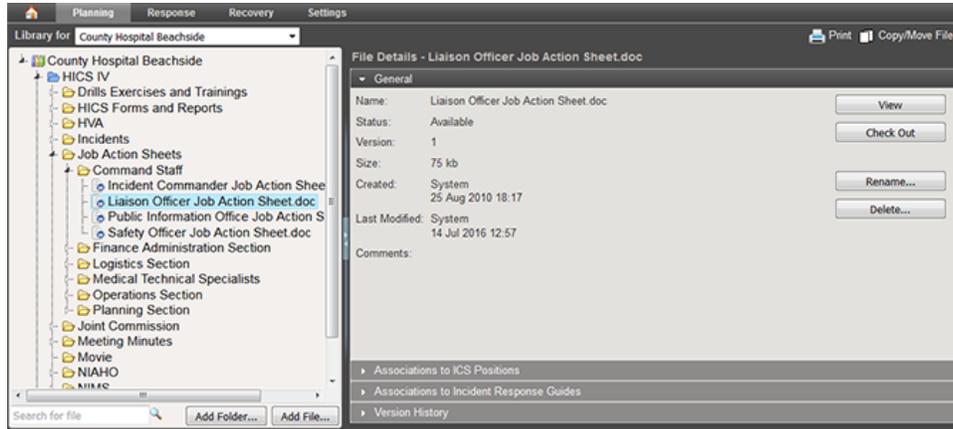
After creating contacts and working with the library, you will likely return to the *Plan Summary* to continue defining ICS positions.

Refer to [ICS Chart](#) and [IRGs](#).

Work with the Library

Planning > Library

The plan you copied comes with a library containing numerous EOP-related files. You can add to this library structure for your documents that are not related specifically to the plan in the **Resource Documents** folder.



As administrator, you can rename existing folders and files, add new ones, and more.

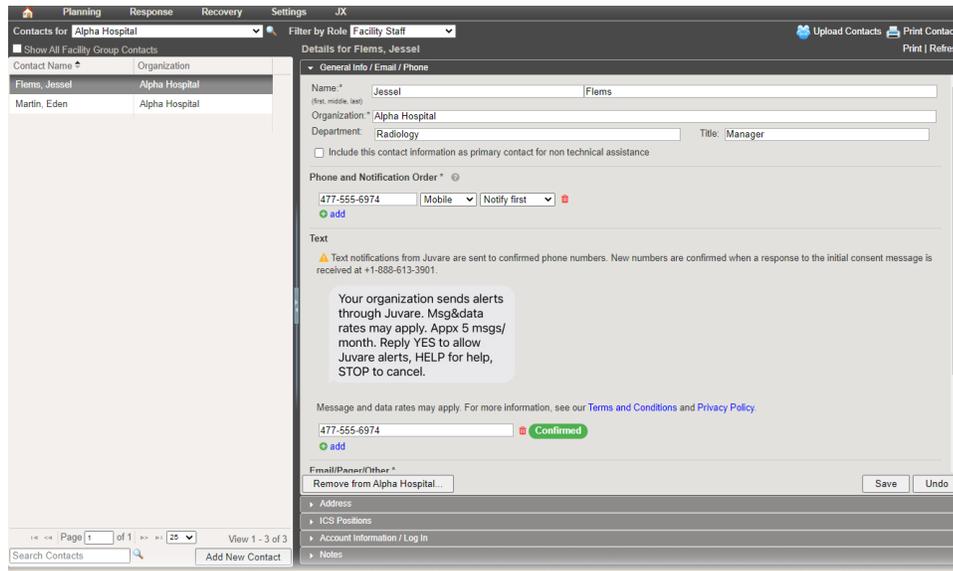
- To add a folder, select its "parent" folder on the left and click **Add Folder**. Give it a name.
- To add a file, select the folder and click **Add File**. Upload the file to the library.
- To specify ICS positions with which this file should be associated, locate and select the file on the left and click the **Associations to ICS Positions** on the right. Select the check box for each appropriate position and save your work.
- To specify IRGs with which this file should be associated, locate and select the file on the left and click the **Associations to Incident Response Guides** on the right. Select the check box for each appropriate guide and save your work.

Refer also to [Library](#).

Set Up Internal and External Contacts

Planning > Contacts

You must add contacts to your facility. Your Domain Administrator set you up as a contact so that you have access to eICS. You Staff as users of eICS, some of whom you may assign to ICS positions. You can add external contacts who need to be notified, but may not need to use eICS directly.



To add an individual contact

On the left, click **Add New Contact**. Enter the individual's first and last name, organization, and department/title. Specify at least one phone number and select the notification order. You can also add an email address and page information when you are done.

To upload a group of contacts

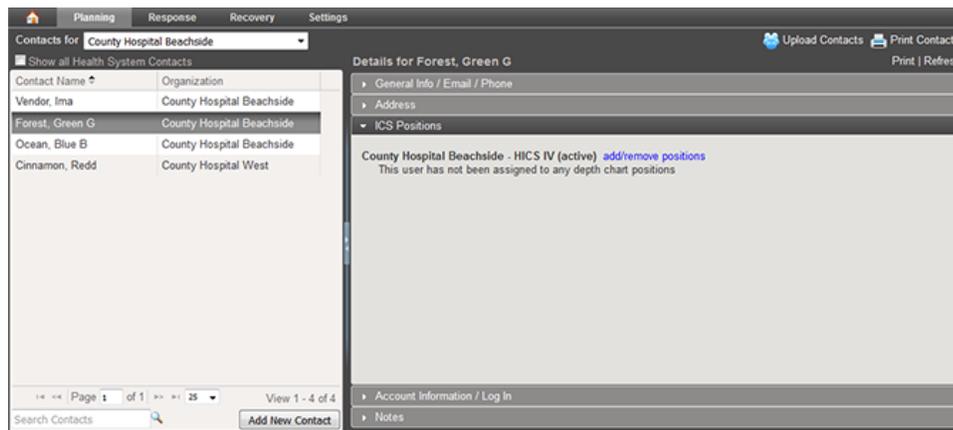
You can also upload multiple contacts at one time. This is especially handy during this phase, when you are setting up your system. Click **Upload Contacts**. In the *Upload Contacts* window, download the template. The template spreadsheet you can fill in with the appropriate contact information for each individual, such as resource type, contact information, and more. When completed, access this window again, download the spreadsheet, validate the records, and import the contacts.

Refer also to [Contacts](#).

Associate ICS Positions to a Contact

Planning > Contacts

To ensure the contact receives the appropriate notifications, assign the contact to one or more ICS positions.



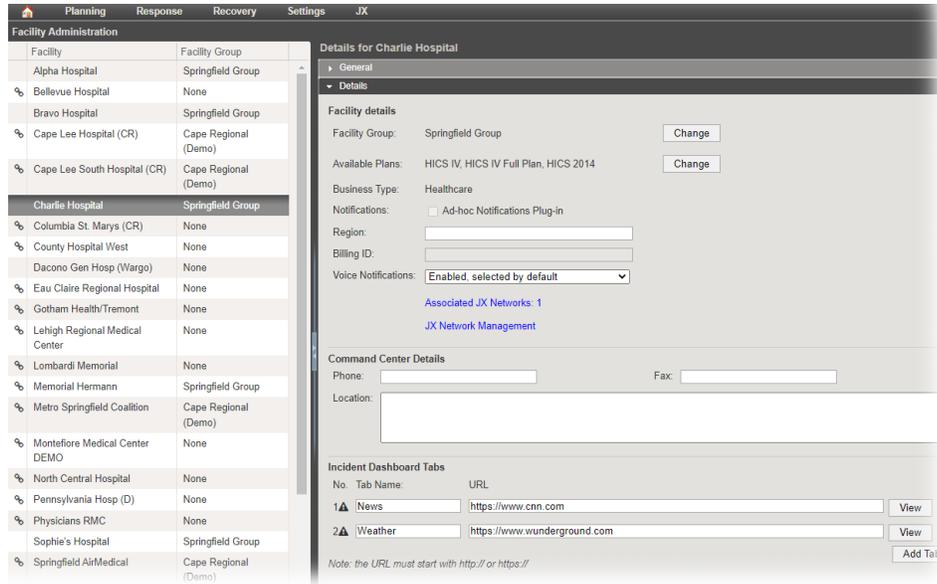
1. On the left, select the contact. The details appear on the right.
2. Click the **ICS Positions** drawer.
3. Click **add/remove positions**.
4. In the *Select Contact Depth Chart* window, select one or more positions.
5. Click **OK**. The selected positions appear in the drawer.

Refer also to [Contacts](#).

Specify Facility-level Details

Planning > Facilities

You can specify Command Center contact information and set up custom tabs to appear in the Incident Dashboard. Only two tabs are available on the dashboard. However, you can set up multiple websites for these tabs, and users can then select from the available options.



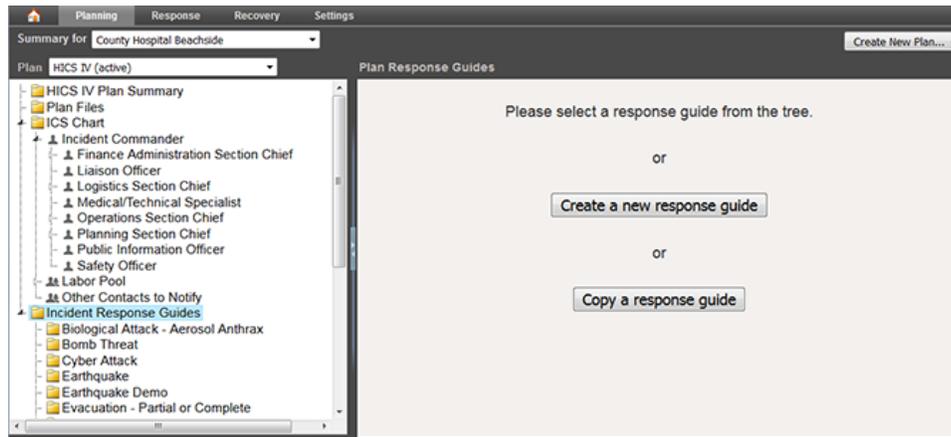
1. On the left, select your facility's name. Its details appear on the right.
2. Click the **Details** drawer.
3. Fill in the *Command Center Details* as appropriate.
4. Scroll down to the *Incident Dashboard Tabs* section, and edit or replace the existing (default) tab values.
5. Click **Add Tab** to add a website and specify its name and URL (website address).
6. Repeat this step to add more tabs.
7. Save your changes.

Refer also to [Facilities](#).

Create an Incident Response Guide

Planning > Plan Summary > Incident Response Guides

The plan you copied comes with the Incident Response Guides (IRGs) that you specify should be copied into the plan. You can copy an IRG to create a new one.



1. On the left, select **Incident Response Guides**.
2. On the right, click **Create a new response guide**.
3. In the *Create Response Guide* window, enter the name of the new guide.
4. Select its type, which assigns an appropriate icon to the IRG.
5. Click **OK**. The window closes and the new IRG details now appear in multiple drawers.

Working from the top drawer down, enter the appropriate information for the IRG.

Refer also to [IRGs](#).

General

If you want to specify details that are included by default in a new incident of this type, select **Use canned information when in** provide a name and description. The canned information appears in the dashboard when an incident is created from this IRG. U change this information.

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Severe Thunderstorms" with a "General" tab. The "Response Guide Name" is set to "Severe Thunderstorms" and the "IRG Type" is "Severe Weather with Warning". A checkbox labeled "Use canned information when incident is created" is checked. Below this, a text area contains the "Incident Name" "Severe weather" and the "Incident Description" "A severe thunderstorm warning has been issued for your area." The description area also shows "Characters remaining:1940". At the bottom of the window are buttons for "Delete...", "Save", and "Undo".

In addition, keep in mind this is the text the eICS notification system uses for the initial incident notification. It appears in emails, converts this text to voice for notifications sent to phones.

You can also specify an incident mission statement for this guide.

ICS Positions / Labor Pool / Notification

Specify the positions that should be notified immediately when this type of incident occurs. When an incident is created, the con depth charts for these positions appear as the contacts to be notified.

The screenshot shows the "ICS Positions/Labor Pool/Notification" tab of the "Severe Thunderstorms" configuration window. It displays a tree view of roles with checkboxes. The roles checked are "Incident Commander", "Logistics Section Chief", "Operations Section Chief", and "Labor Pool". Under "Labor Pool", "ER Nurses" and "Other Contacts to Notify" are also checked. The "Save" and "Undo" buttons are visible at the bottom right.

Objectives

Add objectives to the guide. You can specify an objective at the incident level or assign it to a specific ICS position. You can also specify the priority and operational period for the objective.

The screenshot shows the 'Severe Thunderstorms' incident dashboard. The 'Objectives' section is expanded, displaying a table with the following data:

Priority	Objective	Assigned to	Operational Period
→	Establish perimeter	Operations Section Chief	Immediate

Below the table are three buttons: 'Add...', 'Edit...', and 'Delete...'. The dashboard also shows other sections like 'General', 'ICS Positions/Labor Pool/Notification', 'Files', and 'Locations'.

Locations

As appropriate, add locations that could assist during an incident, such as hospital locations, supply trailers, and evacuation sites. Add these locations to the **Map** tab of the Incident Dashboard. Provide a name for each location, select the appropriate icon, and specify the location's coordinates.

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Icon	Location	Description	Address
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