U.S. COAST GUARD

Incident Command System

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- **US Coast Guard adopted Incident Command System (ICS) 15 years ago.**

- **During the Deepwater response ICS concepts & processes were generally effective & appropriate.**

Major Gaps

- **There are gaps in doctrine, training, tactics, and procedures that were highlighted during the response.**

  - Training

  - Information management

  - Unified Area Command

  - Air space management

  - Branch level planning

Way Ahead

- **Area Command Guidance**

- **Revise the CG Incident Management Handbook**

- **Analyze and validate training methodology**

- **Certification of proficiency**