



## **ICS and Recovery- Establishing the Recovery Section to Promote Sustained Recovery Operations**

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**Presentation Abstract:** The Incident Command System is flexible and scalable. After a large incident, recovery can be burdensome and disjointed. The Town of Sandwich (MA) established a hybrid Recovery Section importing several unit positions from across Planning, OPS, Logistics and Finance under one Recovery Section for POST COVID 19 activities. The program was so successful it is embedded into our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and now utilized during all hazard recovery operations.

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