

How to say "No!"

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One of the most difficult decisions for an Incident Commander is when to halt emergency response. It is the culture and nature of emergency responders to go into any environment in order to save the lives of those they serve, even if it means jeopardizing their own safety. We will look at best practices and model policies and discuss the risk-benefit and legal liabilities of a cessation in operations

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Presentation Outline:

- Why do we respond in hazardous situations
 - Legal
 - Contractual
 - Ethical
- What is the process for stopping response operations
- When is the decision made
- How is the decision communicated
- What safety nets have to be in place for a cessation of operations
- What is a crisis standard of care

Objective 1: List the situations or standards considered too dangerous to continue operations

Objective 2: Describe the process you will use if your agency elects to cease operations

Objective 3: What are the legal, moral and ethical considerations for suspending operations