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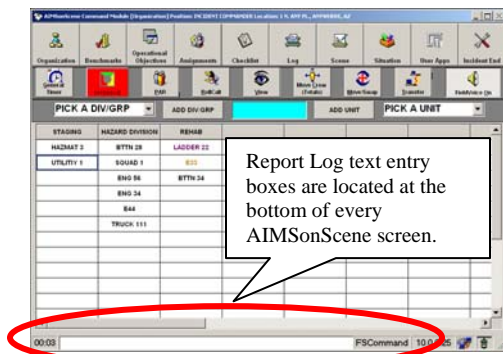
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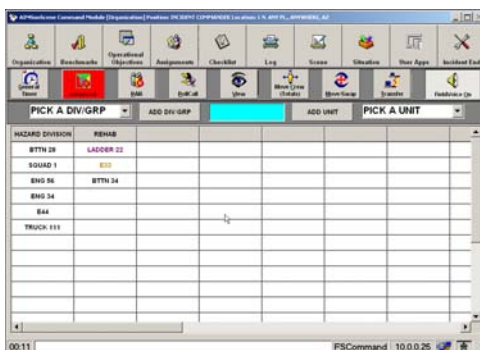
Any user can add text to the AIMSonScene Report Log whenever desired. All a user needs to do is type the text into the text entry box at the bottom of the AIMSonScene Organization screen (see below) and then press the keyboard enter key.



A text entry box just like the one shown above is also located at the bottom of each and every AIMSonScene screen.

Since we're referring to the above screen shot, notice how its being used for straightforward accountability and more effective Rehab process management. In this case the IC has decided to limit his focus to use of the AIMSonScene Org screen in order to maintain control over units in Staging, the Hazard Division, and Rehab. IC focus can be simplified even further through use of AIMSonSceneP2P (peer-to-peer) software.

How so you ask? Well the IC could for example direct the Staging officer to run a copy of AIMSonScene and manage units in Staging. When "Command" needed a new resource he or she could call Staging and ask for the unit to be transferred from the Staging computer to the ICs computer. Under this scenario the ICs computer screen could possibly look like the following screen shot.



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Win A Caribbean Cruise For Two

Attendees who visit the FieldSoft exhibit booth (#2372) during Fire Rescue International (FRI) August 15th and August 16th in Denver, may be able to win a Caribbean vacation. FRI Attendees will receive a map during registration showing ten Treasure Map exhibitors. Attendees can then have their Treasure Map stamped by visiting FieldSoft's exhibit booth, and the nine other exhibitors participating in the program. Anyone with all 10 stamps will be eligible to participate in the August 16th cruise drawing.

Additional information regarding the chance to win a cruise will be made available at FRI 2008.

First Responders Required To Wear High Visibility Safety Vests

Regardless of what people on the job may think, a set of reflective stripes at the bottom of turnout pants or around a turnout coat do not make a firefighter highly visible. The federal government has apparently taken note and will shortly require for the first time that first responders wear reflective safety vests under certain circumstances. The law is codified in 23 CFR 634 and takes effect on November 24, 2008.

Although law enforcement is granted an exception to the vest requirement under very limited circumstances, fire service and EMS responders are not granted exemptions. Moreover, current turn out clothing that includes reflective material may not meet the high visibility requirement.

The Responder Knowledge Base web site has a written discussion of the issues involved with the new law. The material can be found at https://www.rkb.us/contentdetail.cfm?content_id=200647. Information regarding the law can also be found in the July, 2008 issue of Fire Rescue Magazine.

Is the law significant? Well, one of the last things I see when I drive by an incident scene is the firefighters who responded. The underwhelming visibility presented by a couple of reflective stripes on a turn out coat, is in spite of 25 years of situational awareness training and alleged competence on my part. So I ask you. If I'm having trouble, what kind of difficulties is the public at large experiencing when creeping or speeding past a traffic accident scene?

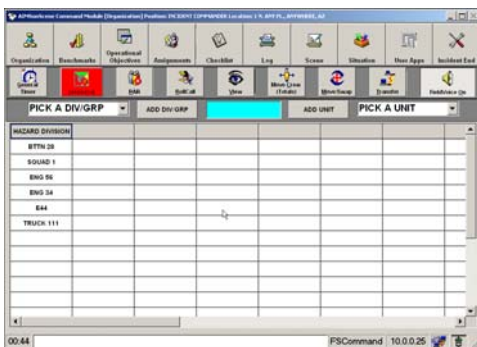
IAFC Releases Interim Digital Radio Report

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) announced June 30, 2008 the release of their “Interim Report and Recommendations: Fireground Noise and Digital Radio Transmissions”. The “report is the culmination of a years work by the working group with public-safety organizations, manufacturers and the laboratory services of the federal government to determine the extent of radio transmission problems associated with fireground noise” according to the IAFC.

The report can be found on the IAFC web site at www.iafc.org/digitalproblem. Also available in the report (and separately on the IAFC web site) are best practice recommendations for users of digital radios.

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Take the scenario a step further and task the Rehab officer with using AIMSonSceneP2P as well but in this case to manage the Rehab process. Command would transfer units needing rehab services to the Rehab officer. Rehab would in turn check responders into Rehab, evaluate them, provide for rest and rehydration or medical treatment, and then release crews ready for assignment to either Staging or Command via a wireless P2P transfer. Under this circumstance the ICs computer might look like that shown below.



The IC now has a pretty straight forward task as he or she moves units into the Hazard zone as they are transferred from Staging or Rehab, and transfers units to Rehab as they need to rest and rehydrate. Long story short: Delegation with the assistance of AIMSonSceneP2P really can make your job faster, simpler and easier in the command post.

NIMS ICS Forms Under Review

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) advised its membership on July 16, 2008 that an “ICS Forms Review period” is underway by the NIMS Incident Management Working Group. The IAFC went on to encourage the submittal of

“constructive comments and feedback” through August 19, 2008.

Proposed changes can be seen in a “pre-decisional” electronic document entitled “ICS Forms Booklet FEMA 502-2” located at <http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=784>

FieldSoft subsequently contacted NIMS Integration Center (NIMSIC) staff members supporting the review process for additional information. NIMSIC staff stressed during conversations that the document would be available for “plenty of public comment” in the future. Regrettably however, NIMSIC *does not* have a project schedule or project completion date for the review and revision process.

FieldSoft believes that the ICS Forms in their current format should be reviewed. FieldSoft also believes that the ultimate impact of changes is so great that a revision plan, that includes milestones and projected milestone dates, should be developed and published so that those impacted can plan accordingly. Please advise NIMSIC by August 19, 2008 that a revision plan with milestone dates is needed if you believe likewise.

AIMSonScene Found To Be NIMS “Consistent”

The FEMA funded NIMS Support Center found AIMSonScene software to be “consistent with the concepts and principles of NIMS”. That finding and others were presented within the “National Incident Management System (NIMS) Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (STEP) Report” for AIMSonScene dated May 3, 2008. See <http://www.fieldsoft.com/news.html> for more.

AIMSonScene Updates

The last online software update was released July 31, 2008. The next release is scheduled to go out on or about September 30, 2008

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