

ICS4ICS Newsletter

April 27, 2023

This is our latest ICS4ICS Newsletter. Please let me know if you have any feedback or questions.

ICS4ICS Working Documents


We created an ICS4ICS MS Teams channel that will allow us to share various materials before they are published on the ICS4ICS websites. ICS4ICS documents and resources will be published on this MS Teams channel, including Mutual Aid, government reporting, and IT/OT and BCP. Some of the exercises will be managed via this MS Teams channel.

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If you have problems accessing ICS4ICS MS Teams channel, see instructions at the bottom of this email.

ICS4ICS Exercise Video

We created an ICS4ICS Team 1-hour video to help everyone prepare for the longer exercises that are available:  [ICS4ICS Exercise V2 Video 2023.mp4](#)

This video demonstrates the ICS4ICS processes, forms, and roles. This 1-hour video was created based on these longer versions of ICS4ICS Exercise:

- 2- to 3-hour ICS4ICS Exercise that can be conducted virtually or in-person
- 6- to 8-hour (all day) ICS4ICS Exercise designed to be conducted mostly in-person, but we expect some participants will attend virtually

The ICS4ICS Exercise presentation and forms are posted on MS

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These are some planned ICS4ICS Exercises:

- May 2 - All Day ICS4ICS Exercise with an anonymous asset owner
- May 30 – All Day ICS4ICS Exercise in Aberdeen Scotland at the ISA Conference – Please let me know if you would like to attend – It’s FREE
- Starting in late-June – 3-hour ICS4ICS Exercise offered virtually via MS Teams (we will repeat these exercises based on demand)
- Various dates - Several people are planning ICS4ICS Exercises of various lengths at public events and at their companies

Please let me know if you are interested in hosting or participating in an ICS4ICS Exercise.

ICS4ICS Awareness & Outreach

We have given numerous ICS4ICS presentations to industrial sector groups, government organizations, ISACs, and other groups interested in improving incident management. Some of the industrial sectors included Manufacturing, Electrical sub-sectors, new power generation, natural gas, Water/Wastewater, and others. Government presentations included DHS CISA, ICSJWG, US National Guard, and NCSC-UK. There were also several presentations at ICS, Cybersecurity, and other conferences or virtual meetings. We are planning numerous other presentations and exercises that will occur throughout the year. Please let me know if you have a suggestion for other groups that can benefit from a presentation.

ICS4ICS Credentials

We would like to congratulate those who have obtained their ICS4ICS Incident Commander Credentials for Type 4 as part of our initial pilot:

- Abhilash Sasi
- Bryan L. Singer
- Daniel Swann
- Durgesh Kalya
- Jay Feimster
- Jim Arrowood
- Lukasz Kister
- Søren Larsen
- Victor Sim Siang Tze
- Walter Magda

The list of ICS4ICS Credentials Individuals (people) will be maintained on MS Teams:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a5e233c34c355448e81c8ecf93fde04e7%40thread.tacv2/ICS4ICS%2520Credentials?groupId=977dda8f-3f44-4f60-b372-7eee043e8e42&tenantId=bbd40118-edcc-4393-b6ec-19ce99b81440>

We are expanding the ICS4ICS Credential program to include Section Chiefs and Officers for Type 4 incidents. We will then expand the program to include Type 3 credentials and eventually other key ICS4ICS roles. We encourage you to complete the 15-hours of online FEMA training required to obtain your ICS4ICS Type 4 credentials.

ICS4ICS Training

ICS4ICS credentials leverage FEMA ICS training required to obtain NIMS/ICS credentials for all types of hazards. Type 4 credentials can be completed by anyone in the world through online FEMA training. The 5 courses required to obtain ICS4ICS Type 4 credentials can be completed in 15-hours. See our website for more information: <https://www.ics4ics.org/training>

People have been requesting to obtain Type 3 credentials which allow them to play a role in a more complex incidents that impacts a single company for a single site. The ICS-300 and ICS-400 training has traditionally been offered in-class only. We are seeking to identify training companies, government organizations, and others who can provide these training courses either virtually or in-class. Most of the parties who provide this training charge a nominal fee to administer the training course. Please let me know if you have information about parties who are providing these and other FEMA training.

Particularly virtually. This is a table we plan to post to our website listing training courses and providers:

Course	Company	URL	Cost	Format	FEMA Accepted
ICS-300	<training co.>	<url>	<\$\$\$\$>	<online>	<yes>
ICS-400	<gov.org>			<in-class>	<no>
Etc.	Etc.			<self-paced>	

Our website also provides information on ICS4ICS specific training courses that we have developed. We are working to develop more ICS4ICS specific training bases on your input. Let us know if you have ideas for additional training courses.

ICS4ICS Resources

We posted the ICS4ICS Mutual Aid resources in ICS4ICS MS Teams channel:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a5e233c34c355448e81c8ecf93fde04e7%40thread.tacv2/ICS4ICS%2520Credentials?groupId=977dda8f-3f44-4f60-b372-7eee043e8e42&tenantId=bbd40118-edcc-4393-b6ec-19ce99b81440>

The Mutual Aid resource will help asset owners assess their current staffing capabilities so they can identify ICS4ICS roles that need to be sourced by a Mutual Aid (Service) provider. Please review this resource and let me know if you have feedback or suggestions.

We are working on these other resources that will help asset owners to prepare for the deployment of an ICS4ICS at their company. Please consider providing input or documents that will help asset owners prepare for these topics:

- DOA (Delegation of Authority) provide authority to declare an incident and separately a DOA to increase financial authorities for anyone who may act as the Incident Commander
- Escalation procedures describing how Industrial Control and/or cybersecurity staff (e.g., Security Operations Center, Computer Incident Response Team) or others identify potential incidents and how to escalate to the Incident Commander
- Government Report requirements describing when and how an asset owner needs to report cybersecurity incident to the government
- BCP and IT/OT Recovery information that can be used to build these capabilities within an asset owner company so they can be used by the ICS4ICS Team to recover business and IT/OT functions

ICS4ICS MS Teams Access

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bpeterson@ISA.org

This is some helpful information that may help you gain access to the ICS4ICS MS Teams channel:

Are you using a work laptop to access this MS Teams channel?

If so, the message may be coming from your company IT Admin.

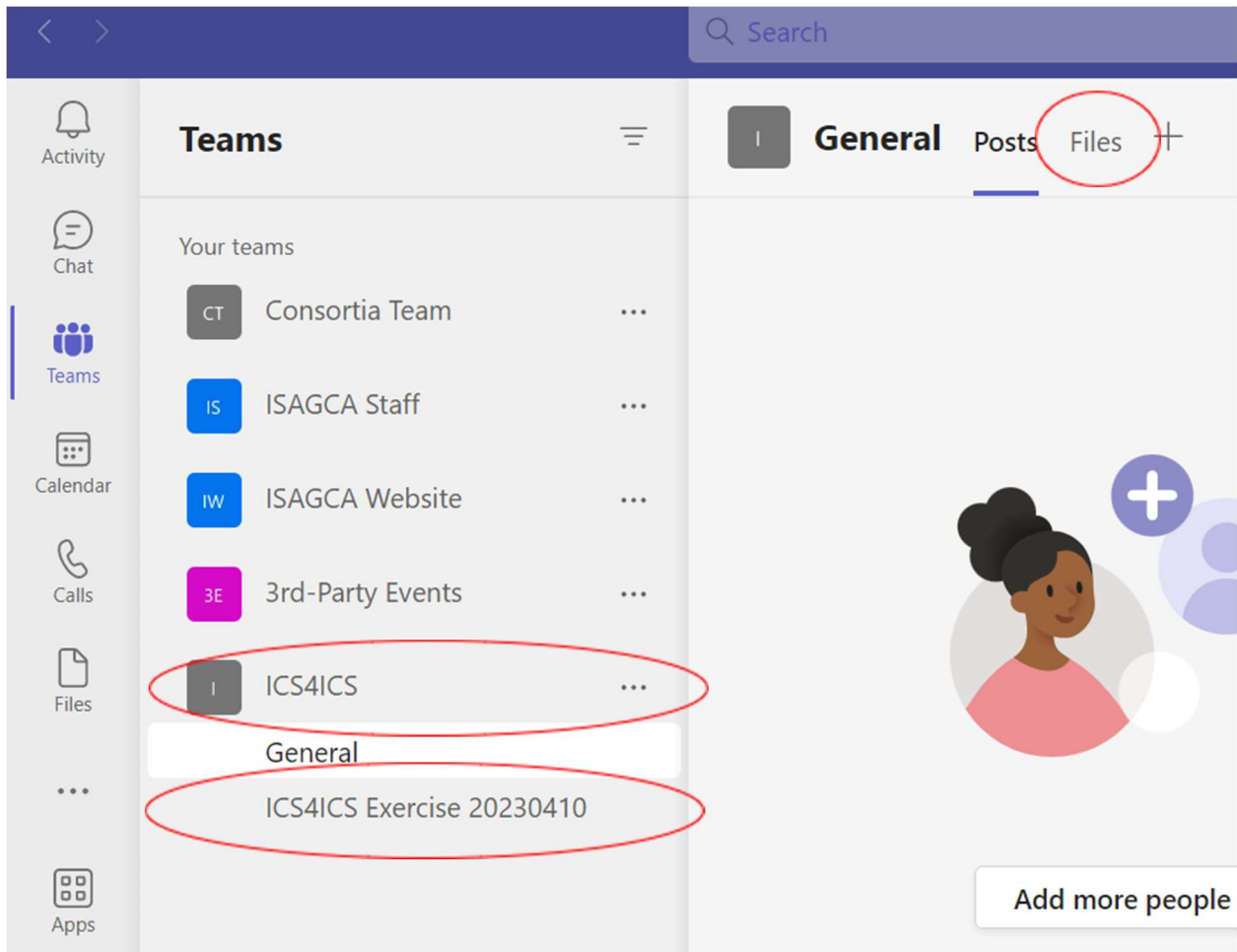
You may want to try your personal laptop.

You may need to gain access using your personal email address. Please contact me: Brian Peterson
bpeterson@ISA.org

After you access MS Teams, you should see a list of your MS Teams with one of them being ICS4ICS. Click "ICS4ICS" (see near of picture in red) – The list of channels will appear include "General" then "ICS4ICS Exercise"

Then click "ICS4ICS Exercises" (see bottom of picture in red)

Then click "Files" to see the files (see top right of picture in red)



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