Alaska
Unified Command Recommended
Response Priorities, Objectives and Tasks

A. Priorities.
1. Protection and Safety of Life
2. Security
3. Protection of the environment
4. Protection of property

B. Objectives.
- Provide for the safety of passengers, crew and responders.
- Respond to potential and actual security threats.
- Stabilize the incident.
- Mitigate threat of pollution and provide for protection of the environment.
- Manage information.
- Recovery of normal maritime operations.

C. Potential Tasks for Each Objective.
1. Provide for the safety of passengers, crew and responders.
   - Conduct joint Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts.
   - Identify risks and hazards associated with incident.
   - Passenger and Crew Management
     - Complete accountability of passengers and crew.
     - Complete triage of injured and transport to hospital.
     - Plan and conduct evacuation/rescue, if needed.
   - Implement passenger and crew shore side response
     - Process and account for passengers and crew landed ashore.
     - Transport passenger and crew that are landed ashore.
     - Provide temporary shelter and care for displaced passengers and crew.
   - Limit access and establish a security zone
     - Secure landing sites and reception centers.

2. Respond to potential and actual security threats:
   - Evaluate possible cause of casualty or threat.
   - Make timely notifications.
   - Mobilize outside security agencies and support.
   - Initiate an investigation.
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3. Stabilize the incident:
   - Stabilize the vessel
     - Extinguish / overhaul fire.
     - Initiate damage control.
     - Conduct damage / stability assessment.
     - Implement salvage / tow plan.

4. Mitigate threat of pollution:
   - Implement actions to control the source and minimize the total volume of oil or pollutant released.
   - Implement actions to protect environmentally sensitive areas, including wildlife and historic properties.
   - Implement effective containment, cleanup, recovery, and disposal of spilled product.

5. Manage Information:
   - Manage Internal Communications
     - Maintain effective information flow to and from the scene and to the responders
     - Establish effective communications flow between Command Posts and between response assets
   - External communications
     - Provide first and best source of information for:
       - Families (including next of kin), passengers, and crew
       - The media:
         - Establish and implement media strategy (JIC)
         - Public
         - Stakeholders

   - Establish methodology for unified command to release common message to avoid confusion.

   - Coordinate recovery with key agencies and stakeholders
   - Increase security measures as appropriate.
   - Stabilize and remove threats to waterways and port facilities.
   - Survey channels and waterways.
   - Remove hazards to navigation.
   - Restore essential Aids to Navigation.
   - Resume commercial shipping and port operations, with operational restrictions as needed.