



Module 3: Activity 4

Preplanning is not just about geography; it is also about who and what you can bring to the problem. A solid preplan names:

- Your in-house capabilities (awareness, operations, technician; boats; throw bags; PPE).
- External resources (regional water rescue teams, coast guard, police marine units, air support, public works for dam control or gate access).
- How to activate them and how they will plug into ICS on scene.

For example, a preplan might specify: “For incidents below the west dam, request regional swift water team and police marine unit on first alarm; access gate requires public works keyholder; staging in parking lot on east side only.” That level of detail keeps the IC from discovering critical delays in the middle of a rescue.

Sample activity:

- Make a two-column list: “What we can do ourselves” and “Who we call for help.”
- Under each preplanned site, add one external resource you would likely need (e.g., boat team, public works) and how you would contact them.