

## Handout 4-2: Location of Area Command

The following are guidelines for locating an Area Command:

- Should be established as close to the incidents as needed to facilitate operations, to make it easier for the Area Commander and Incident Commanders or Unified Commands to meet and otherwise interact
- Should not be co-located with any individual ICP, to avoid confusion with the ICP activities
- Should allow for effective, efficient communications and coordination with subordinate incidents, as well as with EOCs and MAC Groups
- Should be housed in a facility large enough to accommodate a full Area Command staff. It should also be able to accommodate meetings among the Area Command staff, the Incident Commanders or Unified Commands, and agency administrators/executives as well as news media representatives