The Ten Commandments of Keeping It Simple
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BUT WHY?
CHOOSE TWO

Fast

Good

Cheap

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- Adequate for its purpose
- Proofread, spell checked
- "Good Enough"
- Gets the job done
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- վերջին
The Top 10 List
Not everything can be simplified. Reduce gratuitous complexity. Sweet spot between too much and too little simplification.

*Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.*

*Albert Einstein*
Get the job done; solve the problem - no more and no less.

Work the solution, not the problem.

_Perfection is the enemy of good enough._

Voltaire
Use technology wisely.

Have a simple backup (no technology).

*Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy.*

*Isaac Newton*
Know Who is there
Teach people to fish, don't fish for them.

Don't overestimate their stupidity; Don't underestimate their knowledge.

Any darn fool can make something complex; It takes a genius to make something simple.  
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Pete Seeger
}
Identify the return on investment.

No "solutions looking for a problem".

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Make sure things work.

The level of planning, testing, verification, etc. should be proportional to the misery of fixing a problem later.

*Simplicity is a prerequisite for reliability.*

*Edsger Dijkstra*
OUR DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN GOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
Prioritize.

Not every problem needs to be fixed.

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.  

Confucius
Work with all levels of response.
Simplify communications, verbal and written.

Brevity is an acquired skill - learn it.

*It takes a long time to learn how to do something simple.*

Marty Rubin
Make sure it's connected before you start talking.
SITREP: Medical Facilities

During this operational period, the EOC Planning Section Situation Unit contacted all hospitals and medical facilities in the county. At this time, there have been no issues reported, and there are no unmet needs. Hospital contacts will continue during tomorrow’s day shift/operational period.
SITREP: Medical Facilities

No unmet needs.
The spectrum of the Incident Command System.

SITREPS, IAPs, briefings, etc.

*Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.*

*Isaac Newton*
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Evangelize the KISS philosophy.

Kill the Good Idea Fairy.

In character, in manner, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
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