

# Incident Command System: Using ICS to Manage Any Large Event

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## Presidential Directives

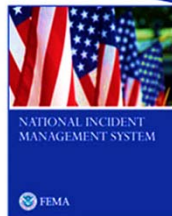
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Management of Domestic Incidents

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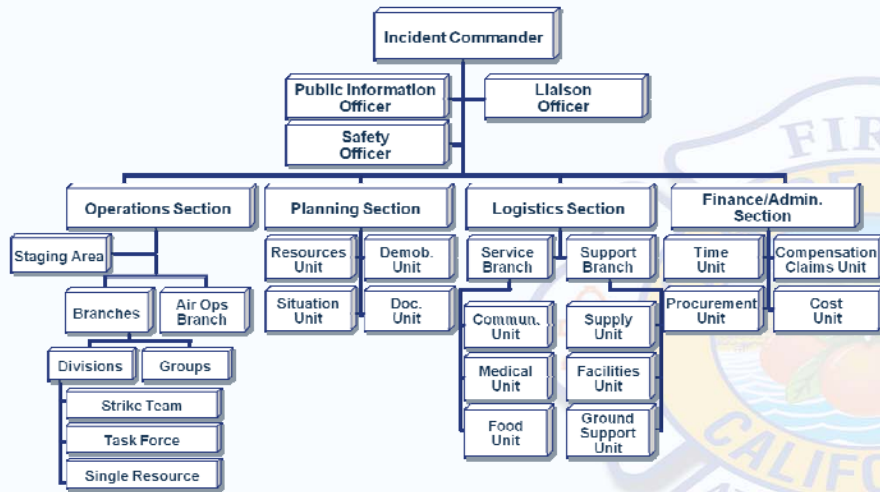
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# ICS Organization



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# Incident Complexity and Resource Needs



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## **Incident Commander**

- Having clear authority and knowing agency policy
- Setting priorities and determining incident objectives and strategies to be followed
- Establishing appropriate ICS organization needed to manage the incident
- Coordinating Command and General Staff activities
- Authorizing information release to the media

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## **Public Information Officer**

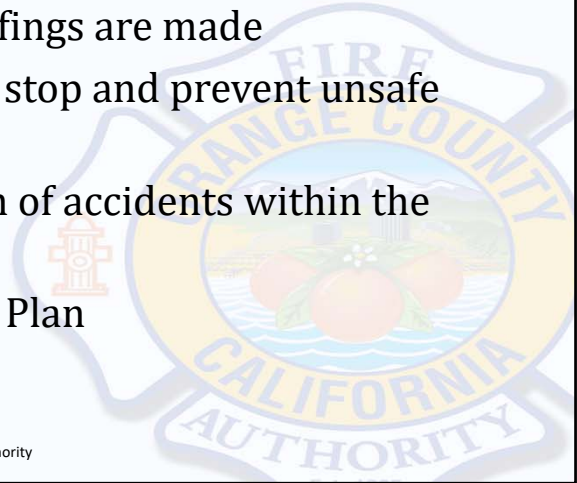
- Determine, according to direction from the IC, any limits on information release
- Develop accurate, accessible, and timely information for use in press/media
- Conduct periodic media briefings
- Monitor and forward media information that may be useful to incident planning

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## Safety Officer

- Identify and mitigate hazardous situations
- Ensure safety messages and briefings are made
- Exercise emergency authority to stop and prevent unsafe acts
- Initiate preliminary investigation of accidents within the incident area
- Review and approve the Medical Plan

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## Liaison Officer

- Act as a point of contact for agency representatives
- Assist in setting up and coordinating agencies and agency representatives
- Monitor incident operations to identify current or potential interorganizational problems

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## Operations Section Chief

- Manage tactical operations
- Supervise execution of operations
- Request additional resources to support tactical operations
- Maintain close contact with IC, subordinate Operations personnel, and other agencies involved in the incident

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## Planning Section Chief

- Collect and manage all incident-relevant operational data
- Supervise preparation of IAP
- Provide input to the IC and OSC in preparing the IAP
- Conduct and facilitate planning meetings
- Establish information requirements and reporting schedules for units
- Establish specialized data collection systems as necessary
- Assemble information on alternative strategies
- Report significant changes in incident status
- Oversee preparation of the Demobilization Plan

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## **Logistics Section Chief**

- Provide all facilities, transportation, communications, supplies, equipment maintenance and fueling, food and medical services for incident personnel
- Manage all incident logistics
- Identify anticipated and known incident service and support requirements
- Ensure and oversee the development of the Communications, Medical, and Traffic Plans

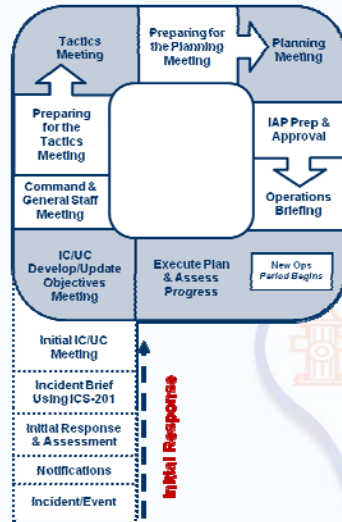
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## **Finance Section Chief**

- Manage all financial aspects of an incident
- Provide financial and cost analysis information
- Ensure compensation and claims functions are being addressed relative to the incident
- Brief agency administrative personnel on all incident-related financial issues needed attention or follow-up
- Ensure that personnel time records are completed accurately and transmitted to home agencies
- Ensure that all obligation documents initiated at the incident are properly prepared and completed

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## Operational Period / Planning Process



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## IAP Examples

- Airport Fire (2024)
- COVID/Operation Independence (2021)
- OCFA Open House (2024)
- OCFA Girls Empowerment Camp (2023)
- Mike Tooley Funeral (2022)
- South Canyon Staff Ride (2024)

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