

Introduction to SEMS and Basic ICS



Goals of Training

Basic Understanding:

- ✓ The California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) in place to help manage emergencies
- ✓ The Incident Command System (ICS) and how it is used to manage field response.
- ✓ Where you play an important role

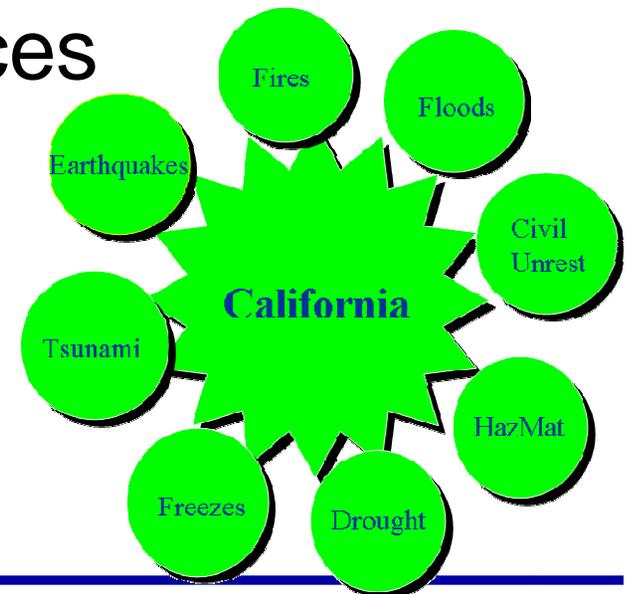
Part I: SEMS

Standardized Emergency Management System



Basic Concepts and Principles

- ✓ All Hazards Approach
- ✓ Local Governments are Always in Charge
- ✓ State and Federal Resources Support Local Response



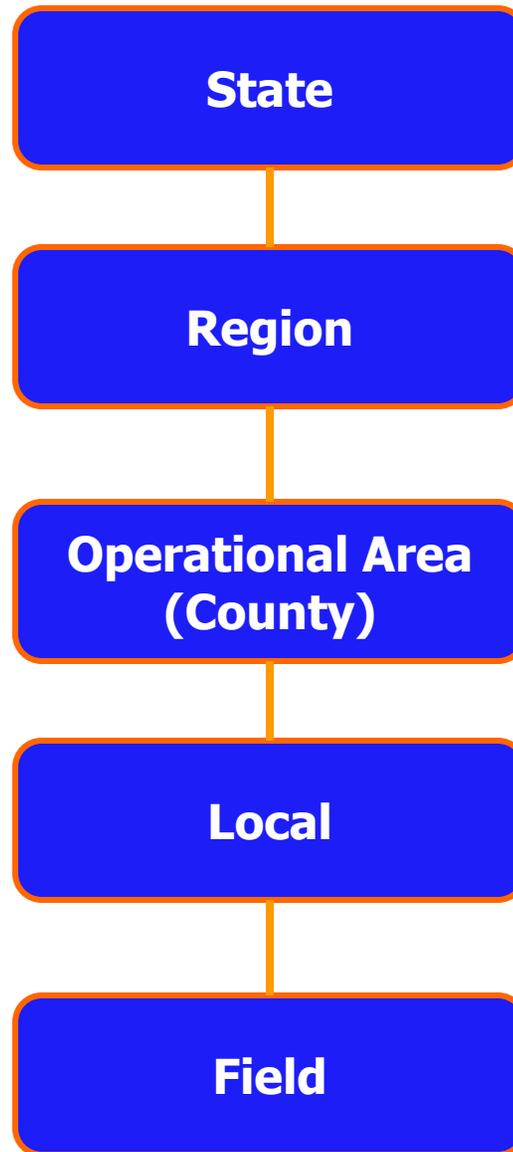
SEMS Incorporates...

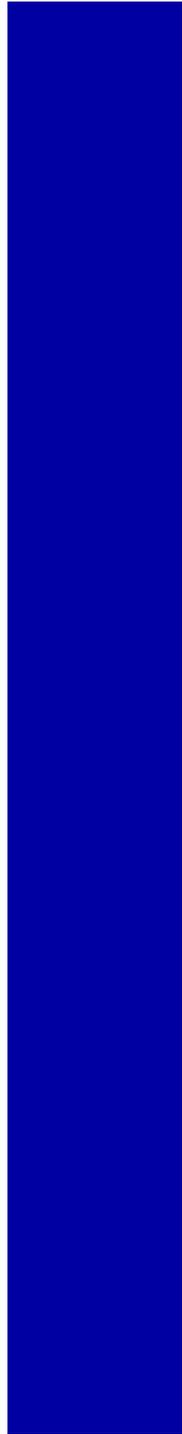
- ✓ Incident Command System (ICS)
- ✓ Multi-Agency Coordination
- ✓ Mutual Aid
- ✓ Operational Area Concept

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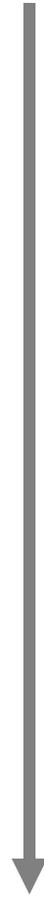
To improve coordination of local, state and federal emergency response

SEMS has Five Organizational Levels





Resources



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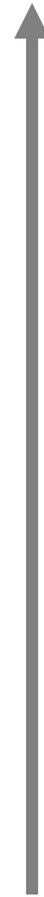
State

OES Region

Operational
Area
(County)

Local

Field



Information
and
Resource
Requests

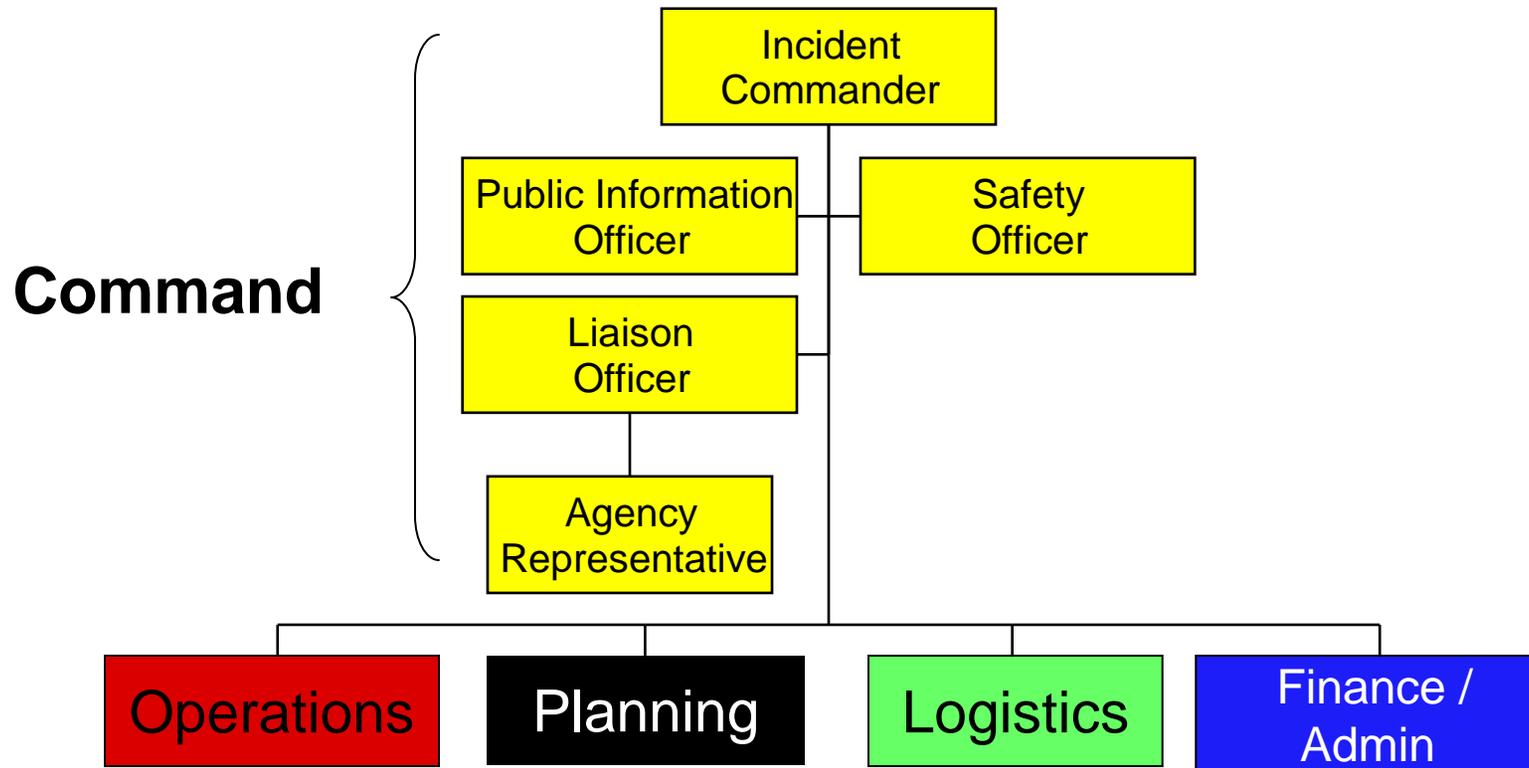
Part II: Incident Command System



Incident Command System

- ✓ Standardized, **on-scene**, All-Hazard Incident Management Concept
- ✓ Flexible, Scalable, and Shared Framework to Help Folks Work Together
- ✓ Standardizes Response and Operation Procedures
- ✓ Reduces Potential for Miscommunication, Mis-action or Duplication of Effort

5 Organizational Elements

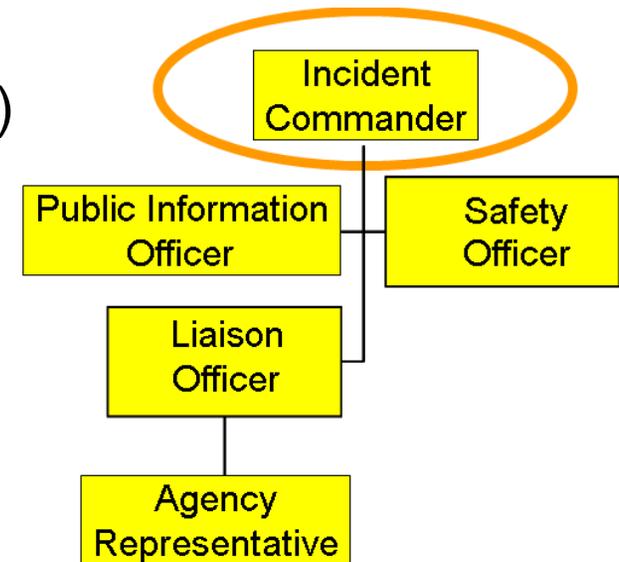


Who is the Incident Commander ?

First Organization to Respond (Usually Law/Fire)
Can be Transferred to Other Agency

The Incident Commander:

- ✓ Responsible for All Actions
- ✓ Sets Up Incident Command Post (ICP)
- ✓ Assigns Command and General Staff
- ✓ Conducts Initial Briefings
- ✓ Activates ICS Elements
- ✓ Approves Plans
- ✓ Approves Media Releases



Unified Command

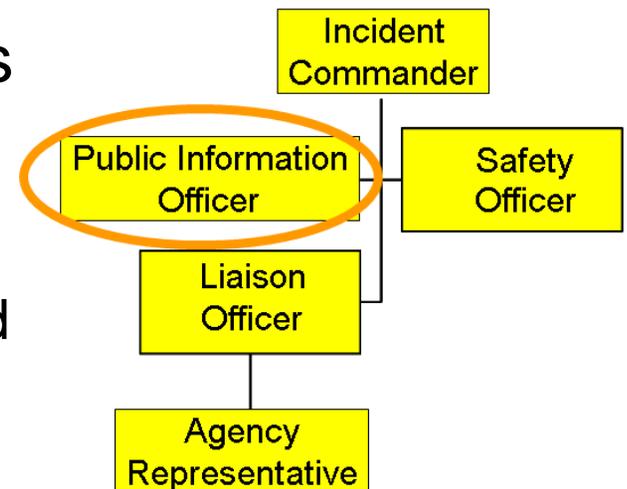
When Two or More Agencies Respond with their “Jurisdictional Authority,” a Unified Command must be established.

May include Local, State, Federal Representatives



Public Information Officer

- Central Point for Information Dissemination about Event
- Media Briefings and Rumor Control
- Helps Distribute Health Advisories
- Can Set-up Joint Information Center (JIC)
 - When Multiple Agencies are Involved
 - Ensures Coordinated Messages



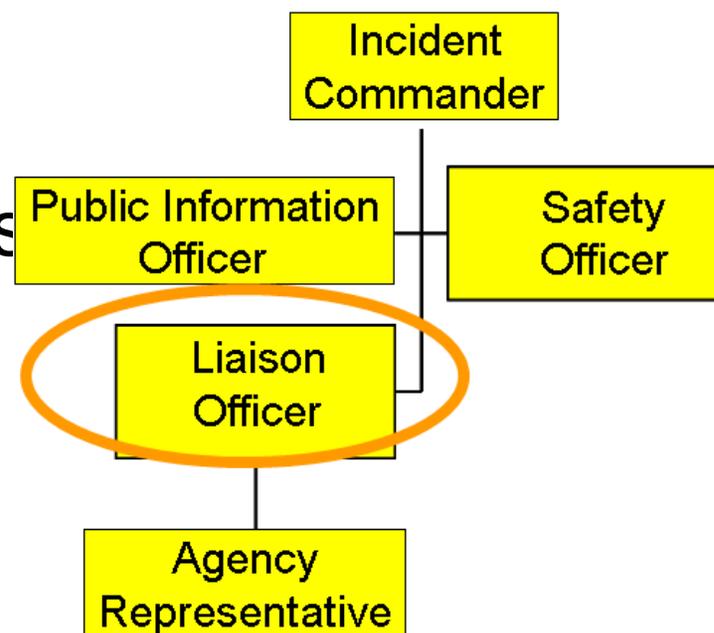
Safety Officer

- Anticipates, Detects and Corrects Unsafe Situations
- Authority to Stop Unsafe Activities
- Advises on Rest Periods, PPE, Hazards in Field



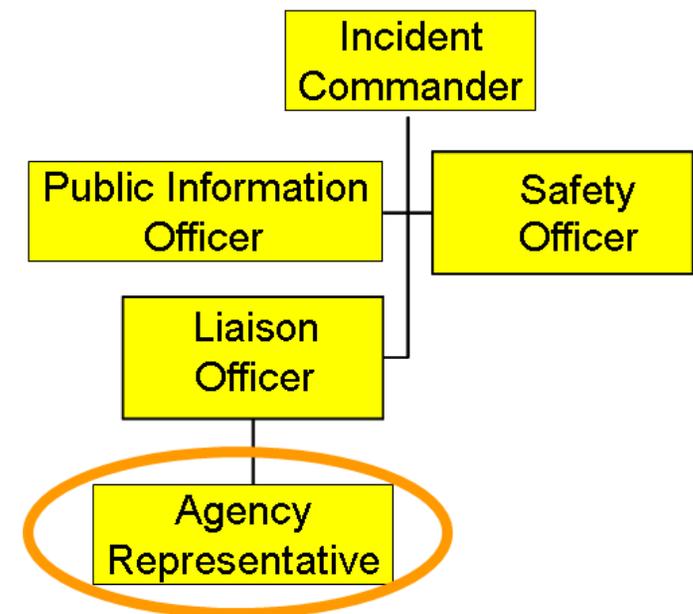
Liaison Officer

- Point of Contact for Responding Agencies
- Assists In-Coming Organizations in Transition
- Provides info to Agencies not Assigned to Incident Command Position
- May Coordinate Multi-Agency Collaboration



Agency Representative

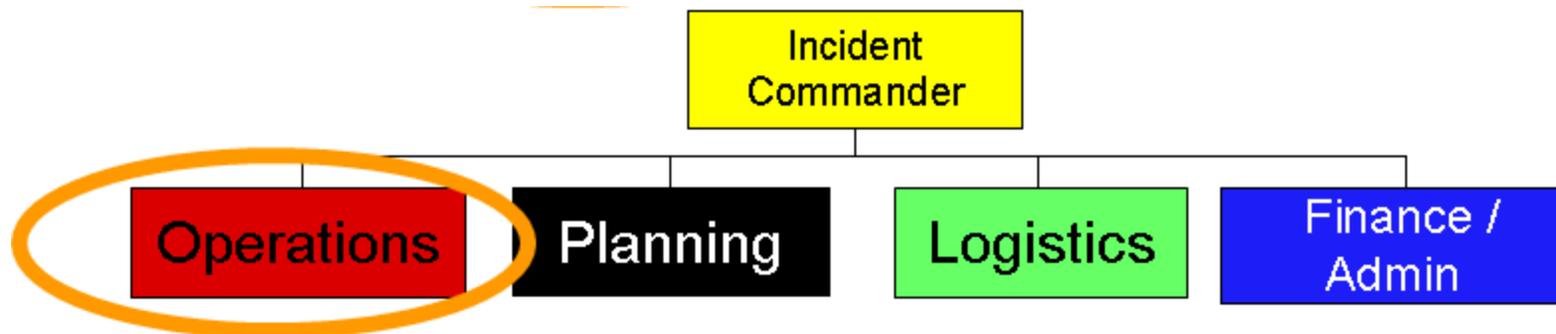
- Assigned to an Incident by an Assisting Agency
- Must have the Authority to Make Decisions for their Agency
- Report to the Liaison Officer
- “Eyes and Ears” of their Parent Agency



Operations Section

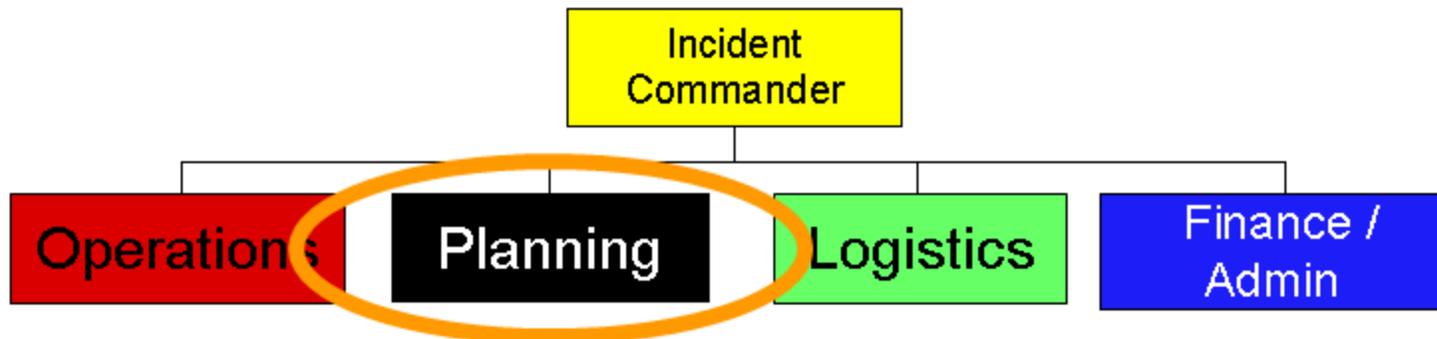
Manages the Tactical Operations at the Incident Site – “Make it Happen”

- Implement the Incident Action Plan (IAP)
- Saving Lives and Property
- Establishing Situation Control
- Restoring Normal Conditions



Planning Section

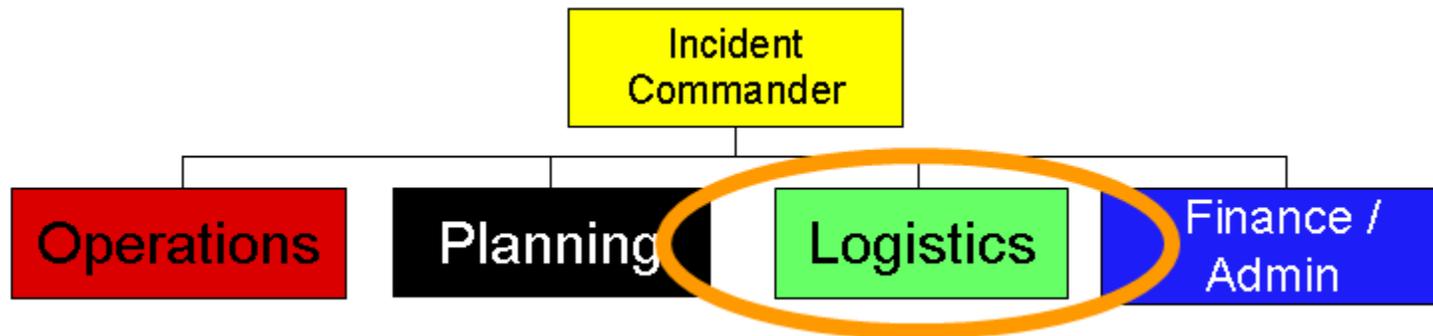
- Prepares Incident Action Plan (IAP)
 - Defines Priorities, Assignments, Actions...
- Maintains Resource Status
- Maintains Situational Status
- Provides Technical Specialists



Logistics Section

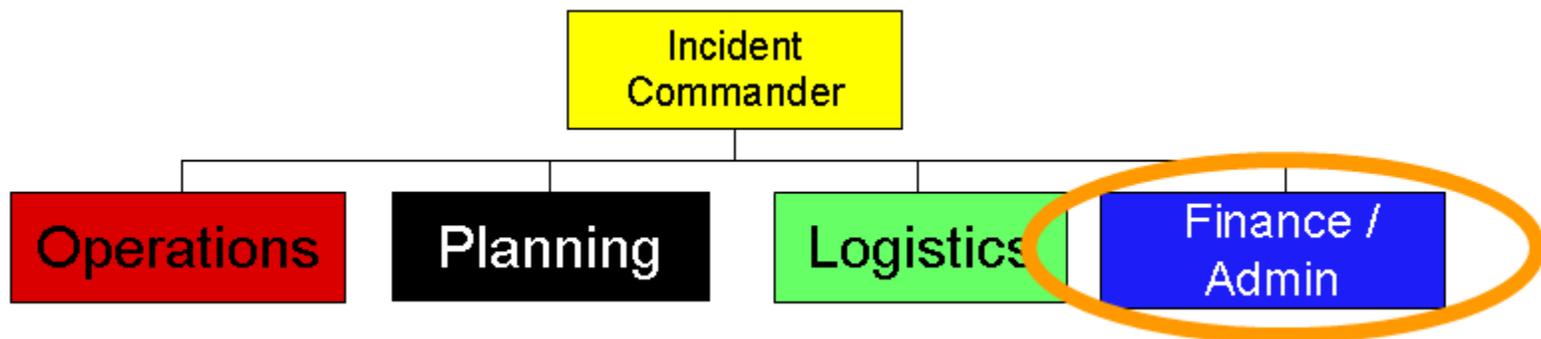
- Provides Services and Support to the incident

- Communications
- Medical
- Food
- Security
- Facilities
- Ground Support
- Transportation
- IT Support

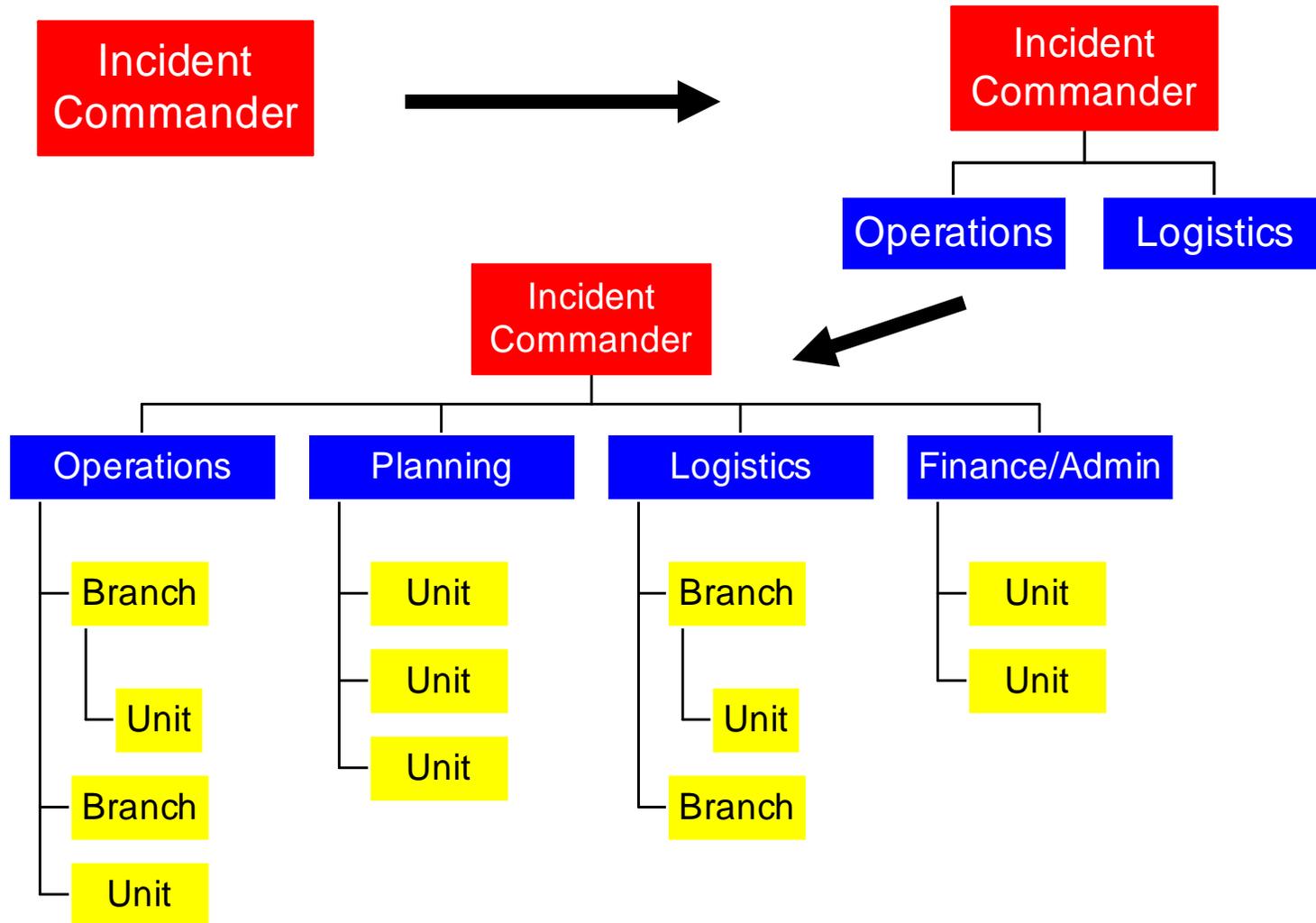


Finance/Admin Section

- Monitors Incident Costs
- Maintains Financial Records
- Administers Procurement Contracts
- Workers Comp. Claims
- Performs Time Recording



As the Incident Grows...



Responding Staff

- Trained/Qualified in ICS
- Work within the ICS System
- Understand Agency's Authorities/Responsibilities
- Have Agency Decision Making Authority
- Flexible and Work Towards Common Goals

So... Where do I fit?

“Day Job”

Air Pollution Control Districts
Environmental Health
Local Health Officer
LEAs and CUPAs
Ag Commissioners

Communications Director
Agency PIO

During an Emergency

Incident Command or EOC
Safety Officer
Agency Rep
Plans/Intel
Technical Specialists
Environmental Unit

Incident Command or EOC
PIO
JIC