

Overview of the Incident Command System

ICS: Effective Tool to Manage an Incident

ICS for Haz-Mat

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**Incident Command System
For Hazardous Material
Series**

What is ICS/ IMS?

ICS is a tool that assists with the management/ control of an incident.

- Personnel
- Resources
- Mitigation

History

- ICS system was developed by a federally funded project (FIREScope) after large wildland fires in Southern California.
- Fire Resources of Southern California Organized for Potential Emergencies

Federally Funded Project: FIRESCOPE

- It is a management system that provides job responsibilities and organizational structure for managing the operations of all types of incidents.
- It an interagency incident management system developed to coordinate large numbers of resources at fire incidents.

APPLICATIONS of FIRESCOPE ICS

ICS is Versatile :

- Human-caused event
(Terrorism, haz-mat, riots)
- Natural Disasters
(flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake)

Characteristics of ICS

- ICS starts at the top (Incident Commander)
- Expands with additional functions as needed, based on span-of-control issues.
- Manageable span-of-control is considered 3-7.
- Utilizes Modular Expansion

Functional Areas of ICS

- Incident Command
- Operations
- Planning
- Logistics
- Finance/ Administration

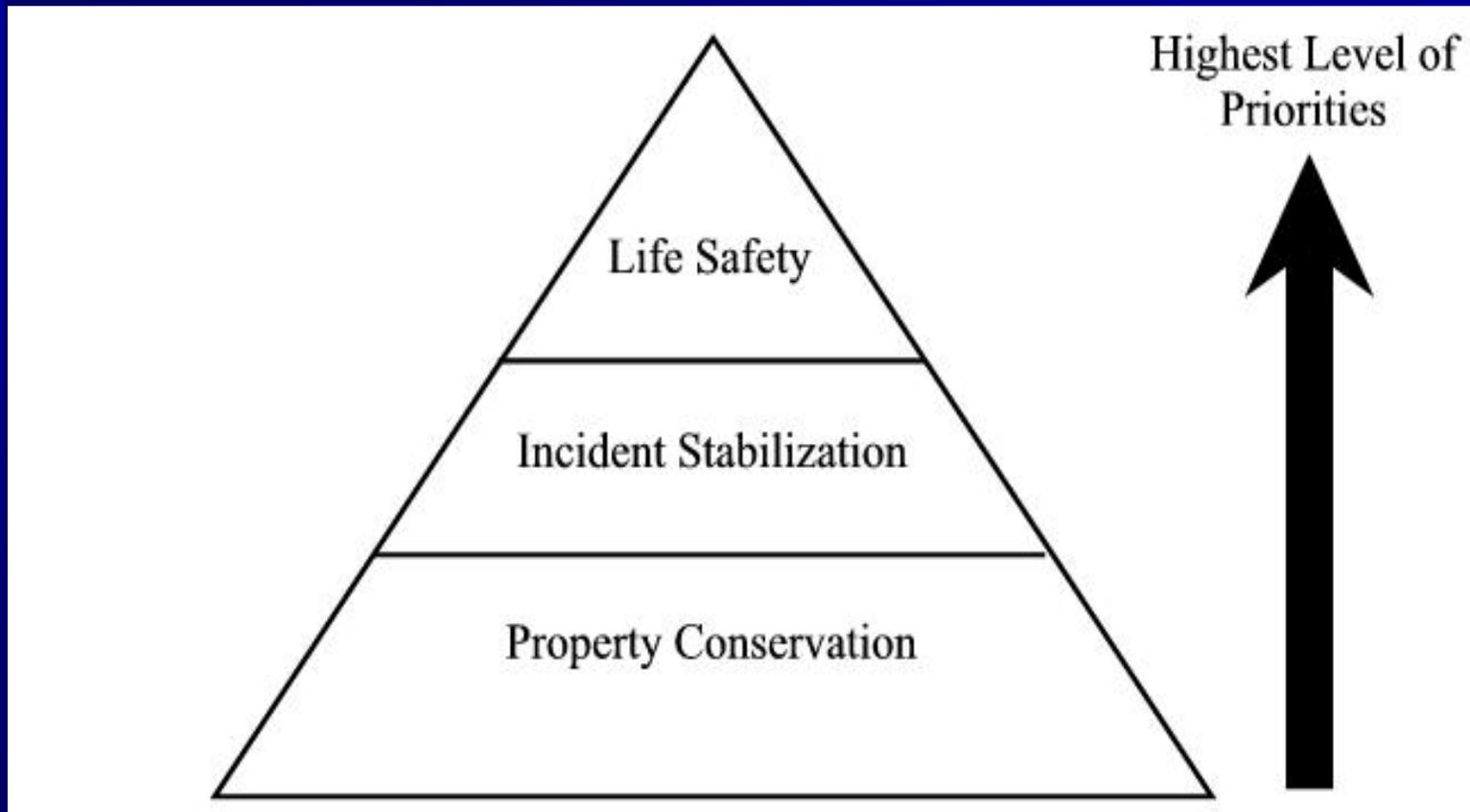
Incident Commander (IC)

IC is responsible for managing the incident.

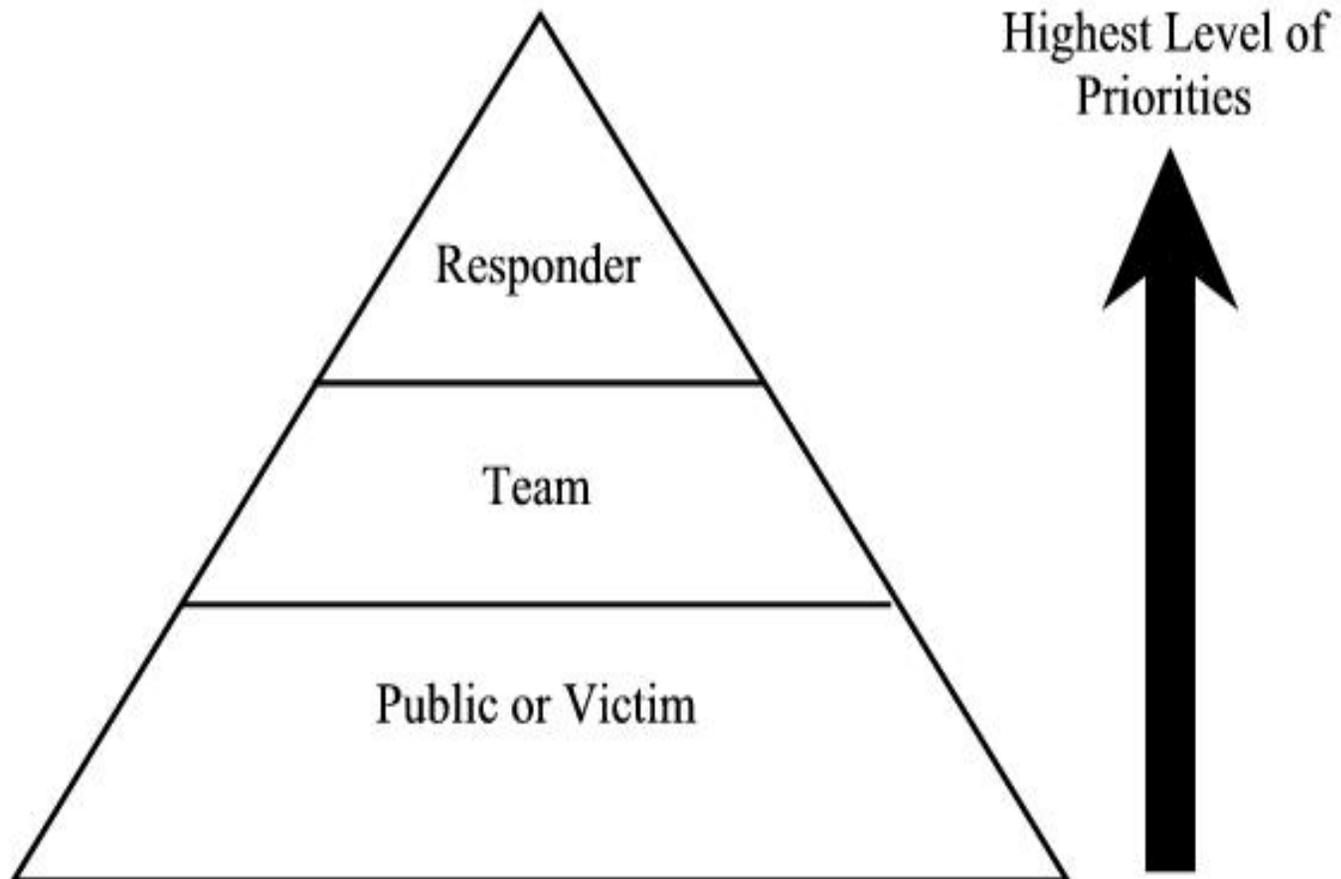
- Assesses scene considerations
- **Determine incident priorities**
- Develop goals/ objectives
- Develop command structure / action plan
- Coordinates activities
- Ensure safety of all personnel

Responsibilities of an INCIDENT COMMANDER

Determine Incident Priorities



Life Safety Issues: Pyramid of Survivability



Command Staff

- Safety Officer
- Liaison
- Public Information Officer

Incident Command Staff

- An Incident Commander and a Safety Officer are required at a haz-mat incident. (at minimum)
- These two functions form the core of the command element.
- A Safety Officer must be appointed *before* control operations begin!

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAFETY OFFICER

- Consult IC regarding the SAFETY of incident
- Identify/ Evaluate Hazards
- Seek to reduce hazards
- Alter, Suspend, or Terminate Operations, If Personnel are in imminent danger

Incident Command Staff (continued)

If needed,

Additional Command staff may be added:

- Public Information Officer (media)
- Liaison (contact for other agencies)

Functional Responsibilities

- Operations –

Manages all activities that apply to the primary mission/ incident objectives.

Functional Responsibilities

- Planning –
Collects and evaluates *information*
related to incident status:

Information is needed to:

- * Understand the current situation
- * Predict the course of incident
- * Prepare control objectives
- * Develop alternate strategies

Functional Responsibilities

- Logistics

Provides:

Facilities

Supplies

Support

Functional Responsibilities

- Finance/ Administration

Responsible for financial Records and cost analysis.

Responsibilities include:

Budget - Payments - Cost Recovery

IC is always > **INCIDENT COMMANDER**
utilized

Command Staff >

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SAFETY OFFICER

LIAISON OFFICER

**OPERATIONS
SECTION
CHIEF**

**LOGISTICS
SECTION
CHIEF**

**PLANNING
SECTION
CHIEF**

**Admin/ Fin
Section
Chief**

- Functions are used to relieve span-of-control issues
- Unity of Command refers to personnel reporting to one supervisor

Communication

- An IC must manage the incident

OR

it will manage him.

- Communication is an essential element

Communication: Managing an Incident

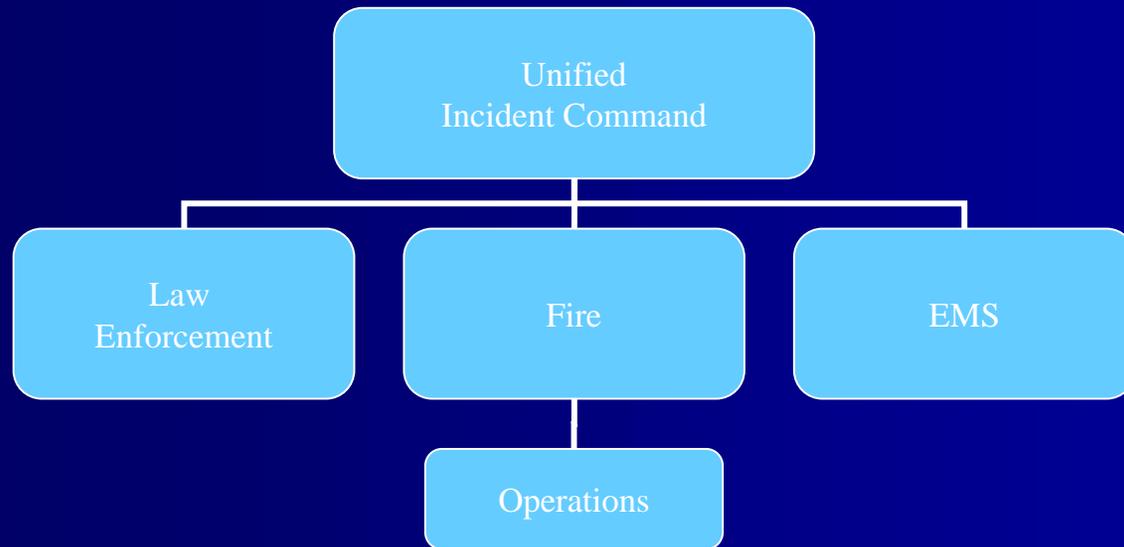
The IC should make assignments:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable

Unified Command



Unified Command Structure



Review

- **Incident Command**

Command will FLOP if these areas are not addressed

- **Finance/ Administration** – Finances/ Documentation
- **Logistics** - Obtains resources for incident
- **Operations Chief** –
Works to accomplish the incident objectives.
- **Planning** – Collects and evaluates data

Conclusion

MANAGE THE INCIDENT
OR
IT WILL MANAGE YOU !