



ICS for Community Responders

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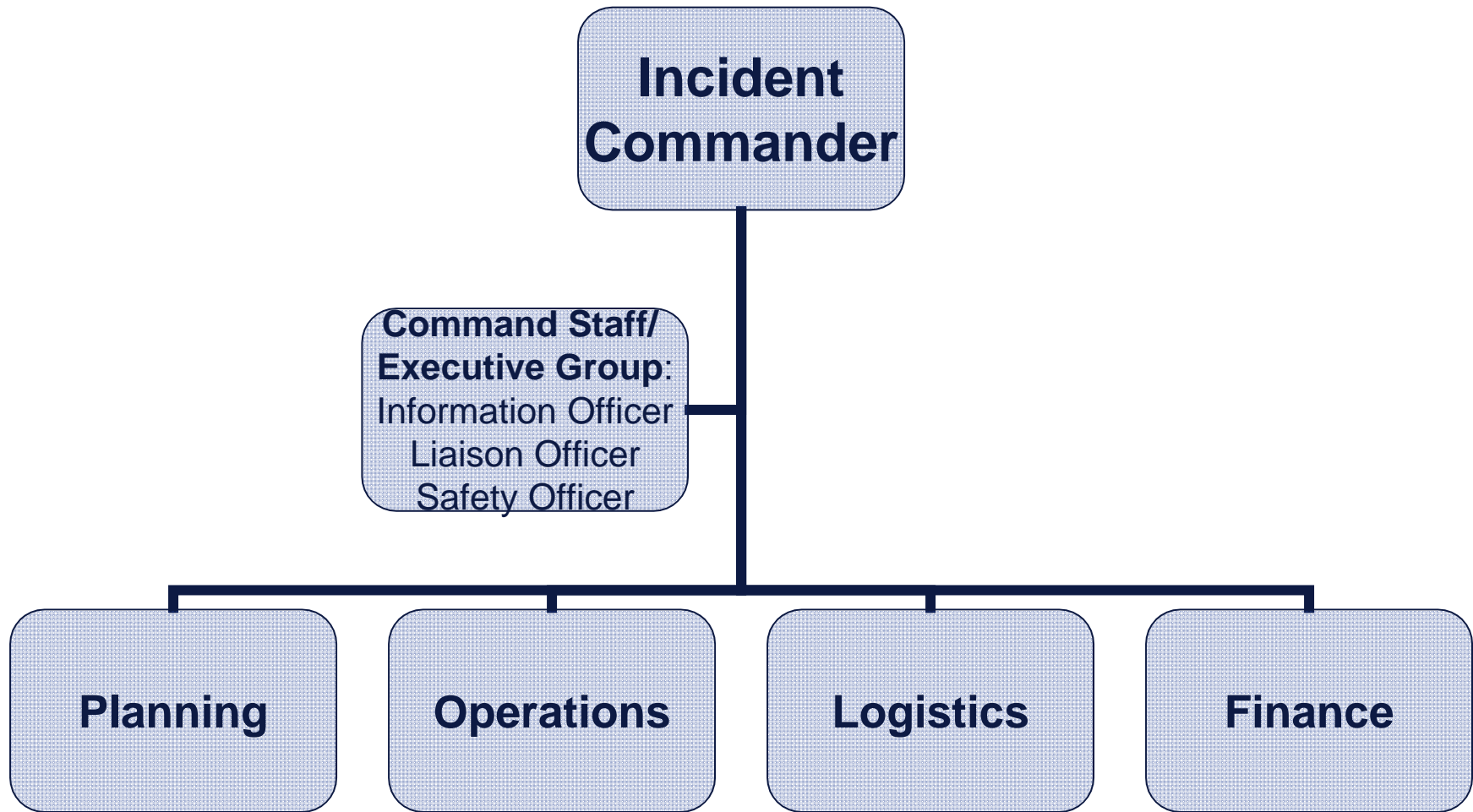
Based on: CARD ICS for Community Responders Training

ICS (Incident Command System) is a component of the
DHS/FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS)

What is Incident Command System?

- Think your way to safety
- Mobilize assets quickly
- Coordinate with fellow community agencies
- Speak common language

Incident Organizational Chart



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Functional Responsibilities

Command	“The Deciders”	Overall responsibility for all activities responding to the event
Operations	“The Doers”	Direct tactical actions. Do the primary work to respond to event
Planning	“The Thinkers”	Collect & Analyze data, prepare action plans
Logistics	“The Getters”	Provides all resources, services & support required
Finance & Administration	“The Payers”	Cost accounting and procurement

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Incident Commander (IC)

You are in charge!

- Establish command/ Command Center
- Assess incident objectives
- Implement the Incident Action Plan
- Supervise all functions
- Maintain a manageable span of control
- Authorize release of information

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Safety Officer

Your focus is safety!

- Ensure ALL personnel follow the highest safety standards
- Tour your facility – address affected areas
- Effect closure of dangerous areas
- Know your facility and its safety features
- Prepare & track personnel injury claims

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Public Information Officer

You handle the media!

- Stay in direct communication contact with IC
- Establish relationship with media
- Maintain two-way communication with media
- Inform staff, client population and public
- Correct disinformation, if necessary

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Liaison Officer

You connect with outside!

- Locate and connect with outside agency leaders
- Update other involved agencies
- Get updates from other involved agencies

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Operations Chief

You do the field work!

- Direct and coordinate operations staff
- Ensure safety of operations staff
- Carry out the Incident Action Plan
- Keep the Incident Commander informed
- Request resources (through Incident Commander)
- Release resources (through Incident Commander)
- Oversee the four initial response functions: First Aid, Search & Rescue; Fire Suppression; Site Security

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Planning Chief

You keep people in the know!

- Collect information
- Evaluate information – have an overview
- Disseminate information
- Track and manage all available resources

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Logistics Chief

You get and distribute supplies & people!

- Provide facilities
- Provide supplies/materials & storage
- Provide personnel
- Provide support to incident responders
- Keep IC informed

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Finance & Administration

You track and record everything!

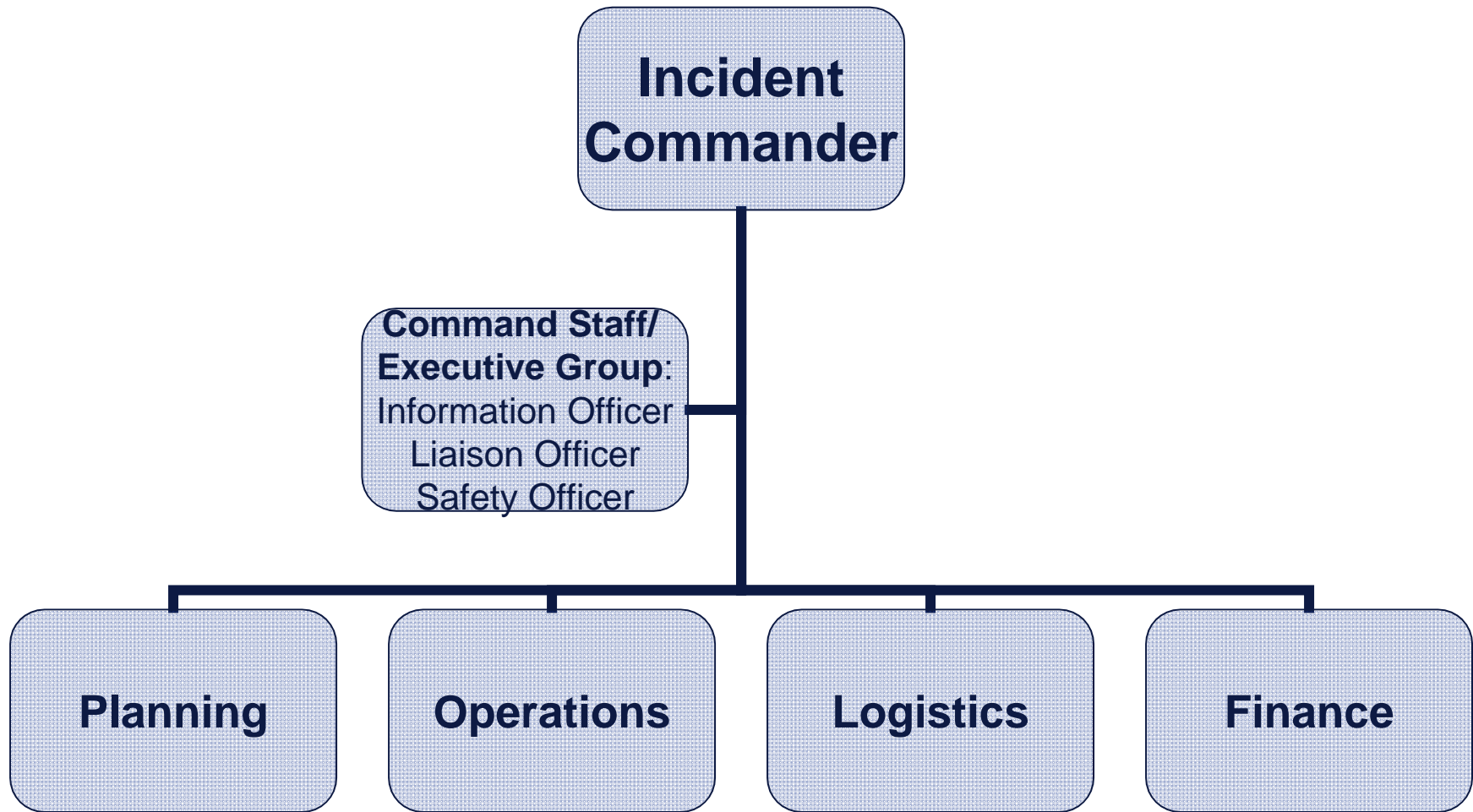
- Track & document personnel injuries
- Track & document damage
- Track & document operations cost
- Track & document personnel time
- Track & document materials bought
- Track & document materials distributed
- Track & document reimbursable costs

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