



Incident Command for the “Agency Executive”



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The purpose of this seminar is to:

- 1) Briefly describe what Incident Command is, why it is being used today and by whom?
- 2) Describe some of the major principles of the Incident Command System (ICS).
- 3) Describe who the “Agency Executive” is and the role they play within ICS.
- 4) Describe the roles the Emergency Operator Centre (EOC) or Emergency Coordinator Centre (ECC) play when utilizing the ICS.
- 5) Explain what Unified Command is and the issues involved when using Unified Command.
- 6) Answer any other questions you may have relative to Incident Command.



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ICS – Definition

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized, all hazards incident management concept.

Allows users to adopt an organizational structure to match the demands of the incident.

ICS has considerable flexibility, it can grow or shrink to meet different needs.



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Why ICS?

- Fast becoming the emergency management system of choice.
- Proven to be effective
 - In use since the late 70's by the U.S.
 - Wildfire Firefighting Organizations
- Canadian Forest Fire Fighting Agencies.
- RCMP (over 50 detachment commanders now trained).
- Federal Government Departments are now adopting ICS.
- Mandated in the United States in the FEMA system.
- Principle of ICS allow for participation and management of either single Agency or multiple Agency responses.
- Can be used to manage any emergency or non-emergency events.



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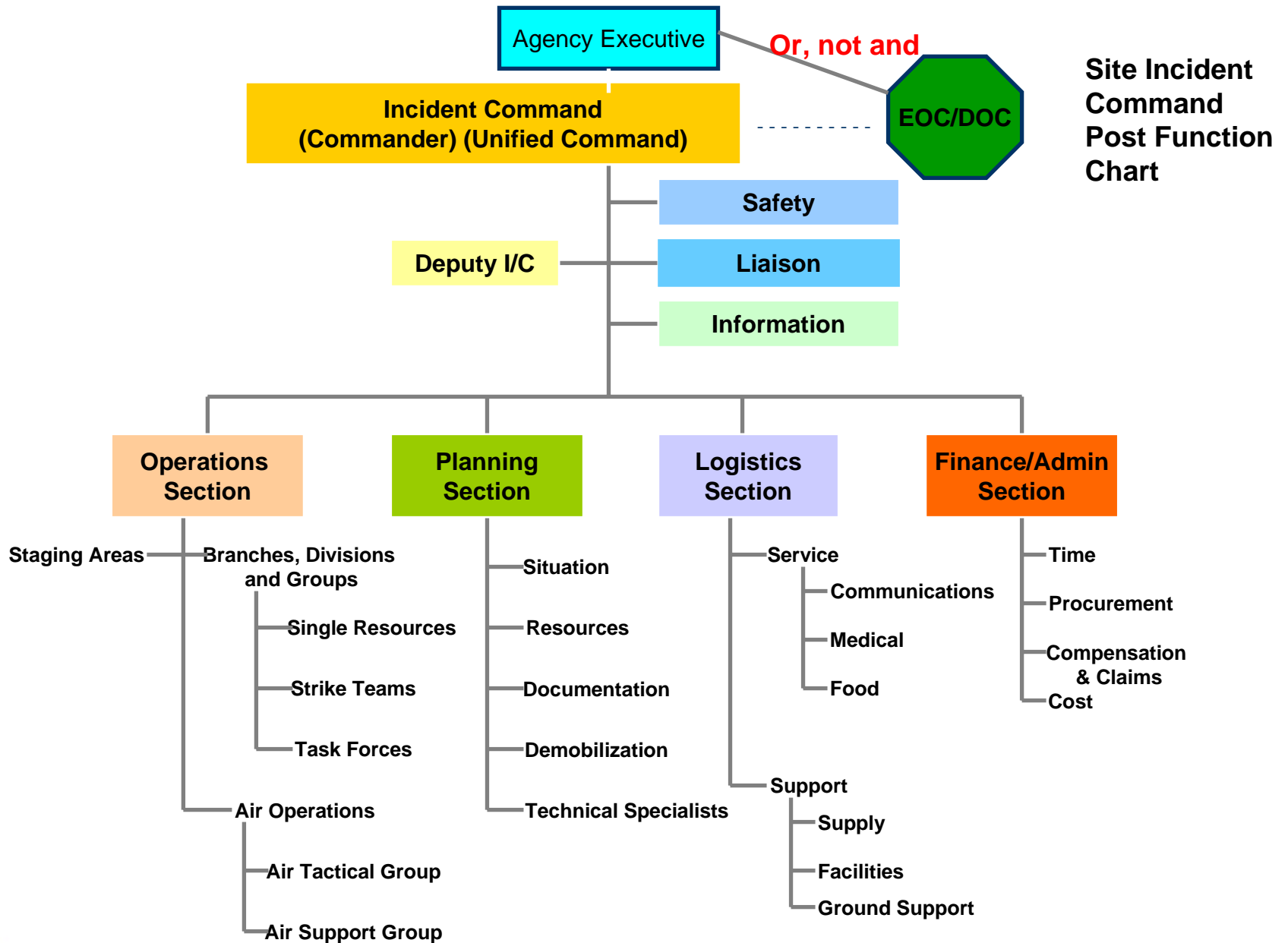


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Principles of Incident Command

- 1) **Modular is Design**
 - anyone can fit – only put in place the positions you require
- 2) **Span of Control**
 - 3-7 with optimum of 1-5 supervisor to worker ratio
- 3) **Unity of Command**
 - everyone reports to only one supervisor
- 4) **Management by Objectives**
 - objectives are developed for the incident that are measurable
- 5) **Common Terminology**
 - alleviate misunderstanding ie. Rank structure
- 6) **Incident Action Plans**
 - written plan of action for clarity
- 7) **Accountability of all Personnel**
 - tracking of all personnel for safety requirements





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Agency Executive – Who?

Senior political body within a jurisdiction or the most senior management level within a non-governmental agency or organization.

Example:

- Mayor or Council
- Provincial Government Caucus (delegate?)
- CAO or CEO and Board of Director/Governor of NGO's



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Agency Executive – Responsibilities

- Determine what system departments or agencies you would work with are using.
- Consider formally adopting ICS as their emergency management system.
- Establish criteria for Incident Commander.
- Establish process for who and how the position of Incident Command is filled at an incident.
- Provide legal and financial authorities for Incident Commander.



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Incident Commander – Who?

- Qualification vs. position within organization.
 - “Best person for the job”
- Training and experience.
- Personal characteristics.
 - decision making, can work under stress, what else?
- Respect of subordinates.

Remember, Command MUST start immediately and can be transferred as required



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“Emergency Operations Centre” (EOC)

Term used to describe an organizational or jurisdictional centre used to direct operations in support of an incident and to manage all activities within the area outside of the actual incident scene. Usually ran by an emergency coordinator. Can be staffed by any number of personnel from a variety of agencies specific to the issues to be dealt with.

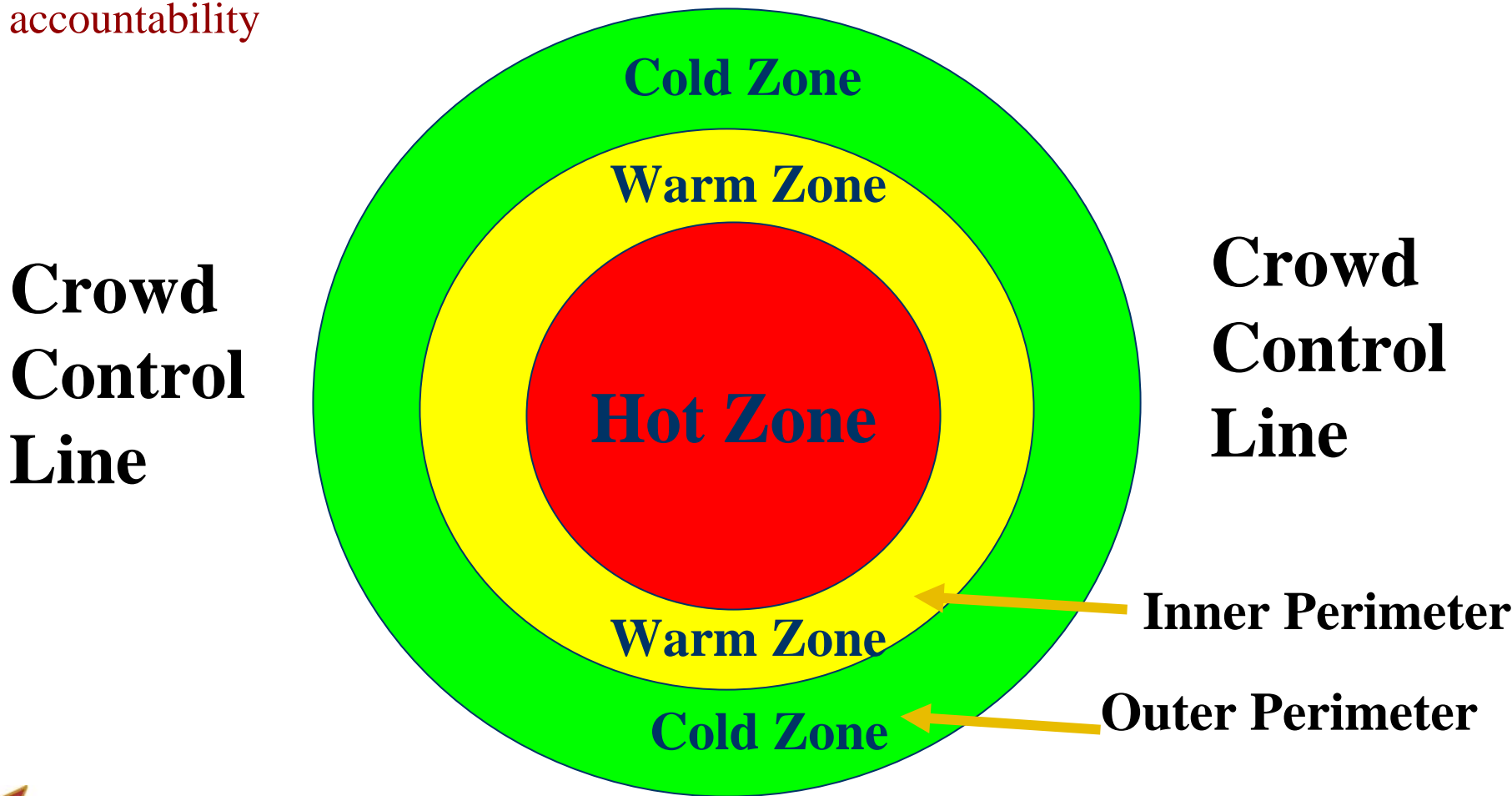
Emergency Coordinator Centre (ECC)

Coordination Centre for agencies or organizations to work collaboratively in support of an incident being managed under the ICS system.

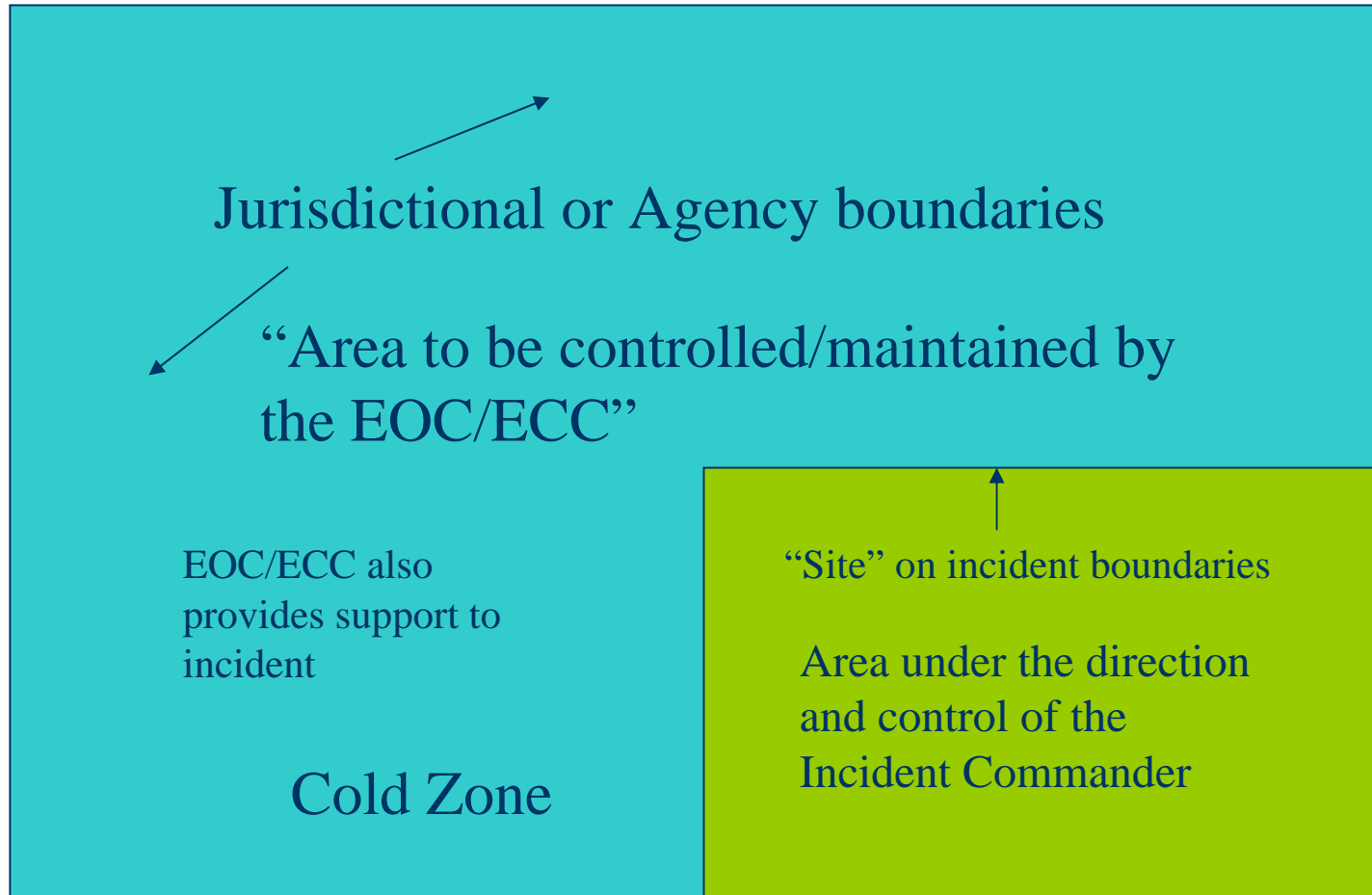


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Area under the control of the Incident Commander – Personnel and resource accountability



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Unified Command

Command of an incident shared when the incident involves more than one jurisdiction or agency due to legal or mandated responsibilities.



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Training available in Manitoba

ICS 100

- Introductory level
- Internet Based
- Four Modules
- Work at your own speed
- Approximately 4 hours

ICS 200 & 300

- Intermediate level for individuals who may find themselves in a management position within the ICS system.
- One week at the Manitoba Emergency services College.



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Training available in Manitoba

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- Senior level
- Provides for instruction in dealing with extremely large or multi-jurisdictional issues. (under development)

ICS for Agency Executives

- Seminar for elected officers or senior management staff.
- Seminar style
- Brief overview of ICS and describes role of agency executives



Questions?



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