




IS 700: National Incident Management System: An Introduction

Crawford County Volunteer
Training Session



Course Objective

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)



What is NIMS?

- Comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable to all jurisdictions
- Applicable across all incidents regardless of complexity or size
- Provides a set of standardized organizational structures that improves integration among jurisdictions & disciplines



NIMS

- Established in 2003 through HSPD-5
- Federal & local agencies required to use NIMS in their incident management as a condition for preparedness grants



NIMS Components

- Preparedness
 - Communications & Information Management
 - Resource Management
 - Command & Management
 - Ongoing Management & Maintenance
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- These components are designed to work together.



Preparedness

- Provides a combination of:
 - Planning, training, & exercises
 - Personnel qualification & certification standards
 - Equipment acquisition & certification standards
 - Publication management processes and activities
 - Mutual aid agreements and compacts



National Response Framework (NRF)

- A guide to how all-hazard response should be conducted
- A basic premise of NIMS & NRF is that incidents should be managed at the lowest jurisdictional level possible



NIMS & Elected/Appointed Officials

- Should understand local laws & regulations pertaining to emergency management & incident response
- Provide guidance to their jurisdictions with policies for NIMS implementation
- Help establish relationships & agreements with other jurisdictions & non-gov't organizations as appropriate
- Maintain awareness of critical infrastructure & key resources within their jurisdiction



Mutual Aid Agreements

- NIMS encourages jurisdictions to enter into mutual aid & assistance agreements with other jurisdictions/organizations from which they can receive emergency assistance




Types of Mutual Aid

- Automatic
- Local
- Regional
- Statewide/intrastate
- Interstate
- International
- Other (non-gov't, private sector)



Procedural Documents

- SOPs or Operating Manuals
- Field Operations Guide or Incident Mgmt Handbook
- Mobilization Guide
- Job Aid



Protocols & Training

- Protocols establish guidelines for actions under various specified conditions
- Personnel with roles in emergency response should have appropriate training to improve all-hazard capabilities
 - Exercises are good hands-on training opportunities

Exercises

- Should include:
 - Multiple disciplines & jurisdictions
 - Have participation from non-gov't & private sector organizations
 - Cover all aspects of preparedness plans
 - Contain a mechanism for corrective actions
- Various types of exercises
 - Full-scale, tabletop

Communication & Information Management

- Communication systems need to be:
 - **Interoperable** – communicate within & across agencies/jurisdictions
 - **Reliable** – function in any kind of emergency
 - **Portable** – built on standard radio technology
 - **Scalable** – use on small or large scale
 - **Resilient** – perform despite damaged/lost infrastructure
 - **Redundant** – use of alternate communication if primary systems go out



Communication

- Use plain language!
 - It's safer
 - Facilitates interoperability
 - Ensures that information is understood
- Tactical language should only be used for specialized incidents (i.e. terrorist activities)



Resource Management

- NIMS standardized approach to resource management based on:
 - Consistency
 - Standardization
 - Coordination
 - Use
 - Information management
 - Credentialing

Steps of Resource Management

- Identify requirements
- Order & acquire
- Mobilize
- Track & report
- Recover/demobilize
- Reimburse
- Inventory





Credentialing

- Objective evaluation & documentation of an individual's
 - Current certification, license, or degree
 - Training & experience
 - Competence or proficiency



Command & Management

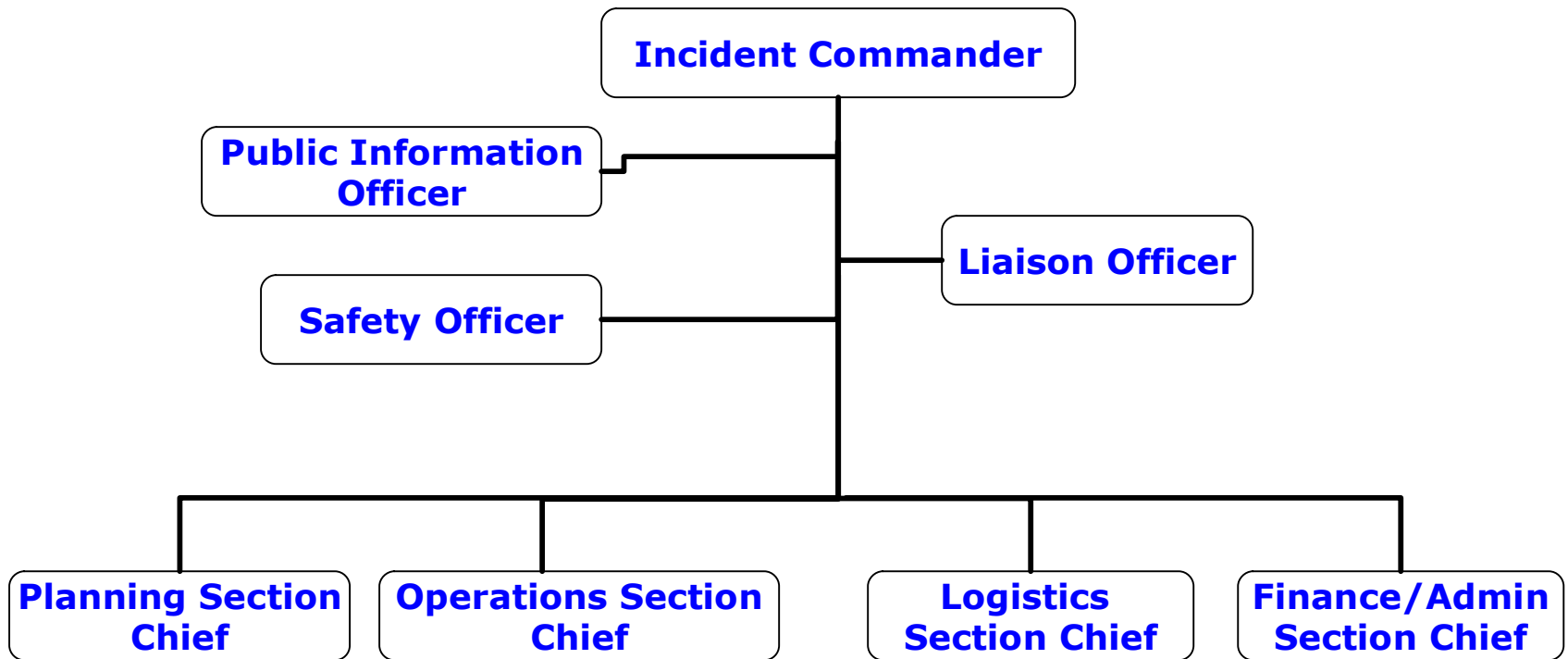
- **Command:** the act of directing, ordering, or controlling by virtue of explicit statutory, regulatory, or delegated authority at the field level
- **Coordination:** the process of providing support to the command structure and may include incident prioritization, critical resource allocation, communications systems integration, and information exchange



Elements of Command

- Incident Command System
- Multiagency Coordination Systems
- Public Information

ICS Structure





Multiagency Coordination System

- A process that allows all levels of government and all disciplines to work together more efficiently and effectively



Public Information

- consists of the processes, procedures, and systems to communicate timely, accurate, and accessible information on the incident's cause, size, and current situation to the public, responders, and additional stakeholders
- must be coordinated and integrated across jurisdictions & agencies



Knowledge Check...

- **What are the 5 components of NIMS?**
 - Preparedness, Communications & Information Management, Resource Management, Command & Management, Ongoing Management & Maintenance
- **What is a basic premise of NIMS & NRF?**
 - Incident should be managed at lowest jurisdictional level possible
- **Who has overall lead of incident?**
 - Incident Commander



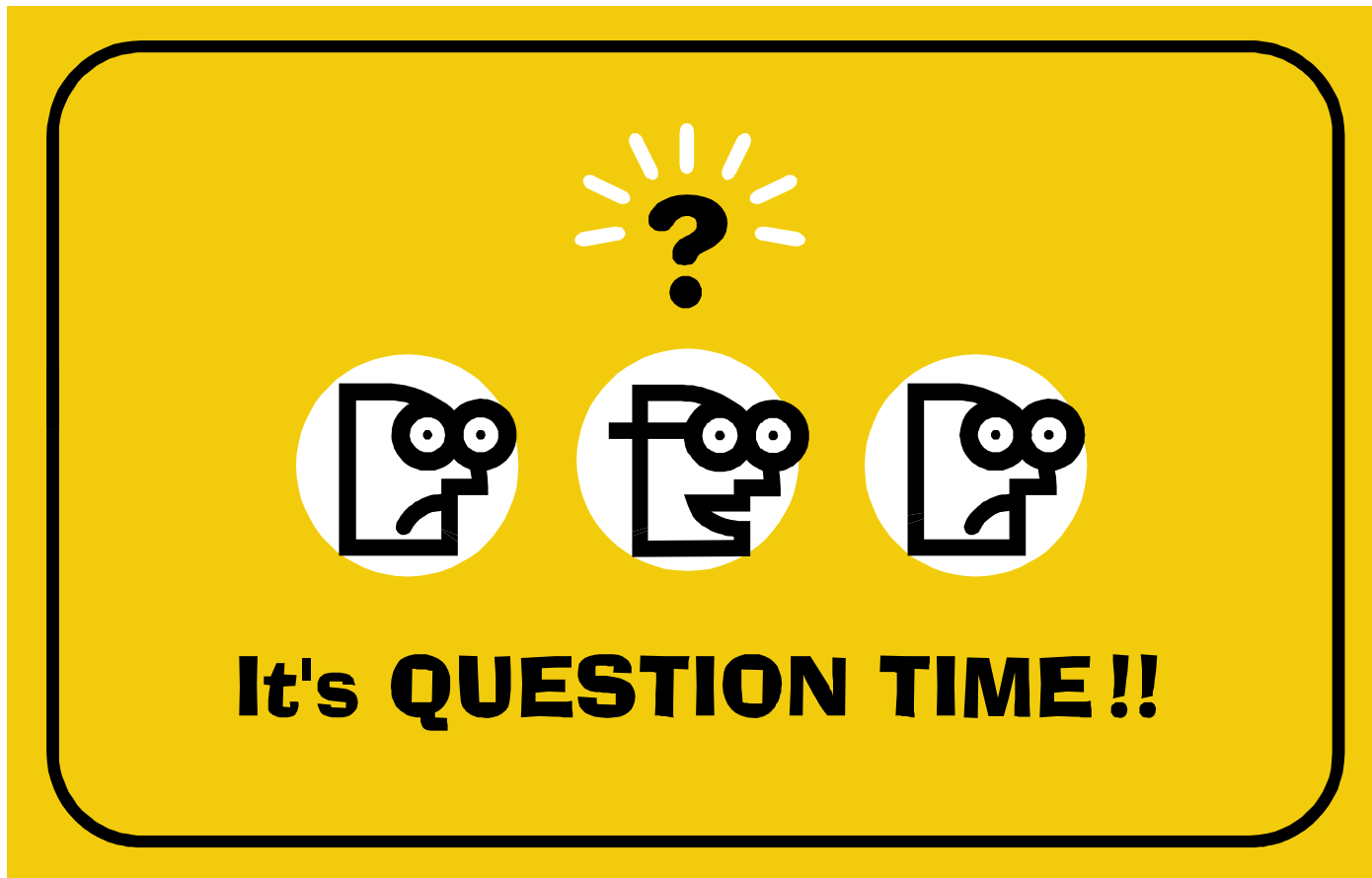
Course Objective Review

- You should now be able to understand the basics of NIMS

Course Exam

- Exam for course is available online www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS700A.asp
- More detailed course is also available on the website
- Can refer to course notes/information as needed when taking test
- Please complete multiple choice exam; 75% correct is required to pass
- Provide a copy of certificate completion to me for my records

Questions/Comments





Thank You

- Next meeting

- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- Point-of-Dispensing (POD) operations

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