

Community Emergency Response Training

Unit Seven

CERT Organization



Overview and Objectives

- This unit explains the organizational patterns used in CERT
- It explains how it fits into the emergency management response and recovery structure
- Describe CERT Organization
- Identify how CERT personnel interrelate with the Incident Command System
- Explain CERT documentation requirements



On-Scene Emergency Management

- Maintain the safety of disaster workers
- Provide clear leadership and organizational structure
- Improve the effectiveness of rescue efforts



CERT Organizational Structure Goals

- Effective communication
- Common terminology
- Well defined management structure
- Accountability
- Action plans
- Manageable span of control



CERT Organizational Structure Goals in a Disaster

- Identify scope of incident
- Determine strategy
- Deploys teams and resources
- Documents actions and results



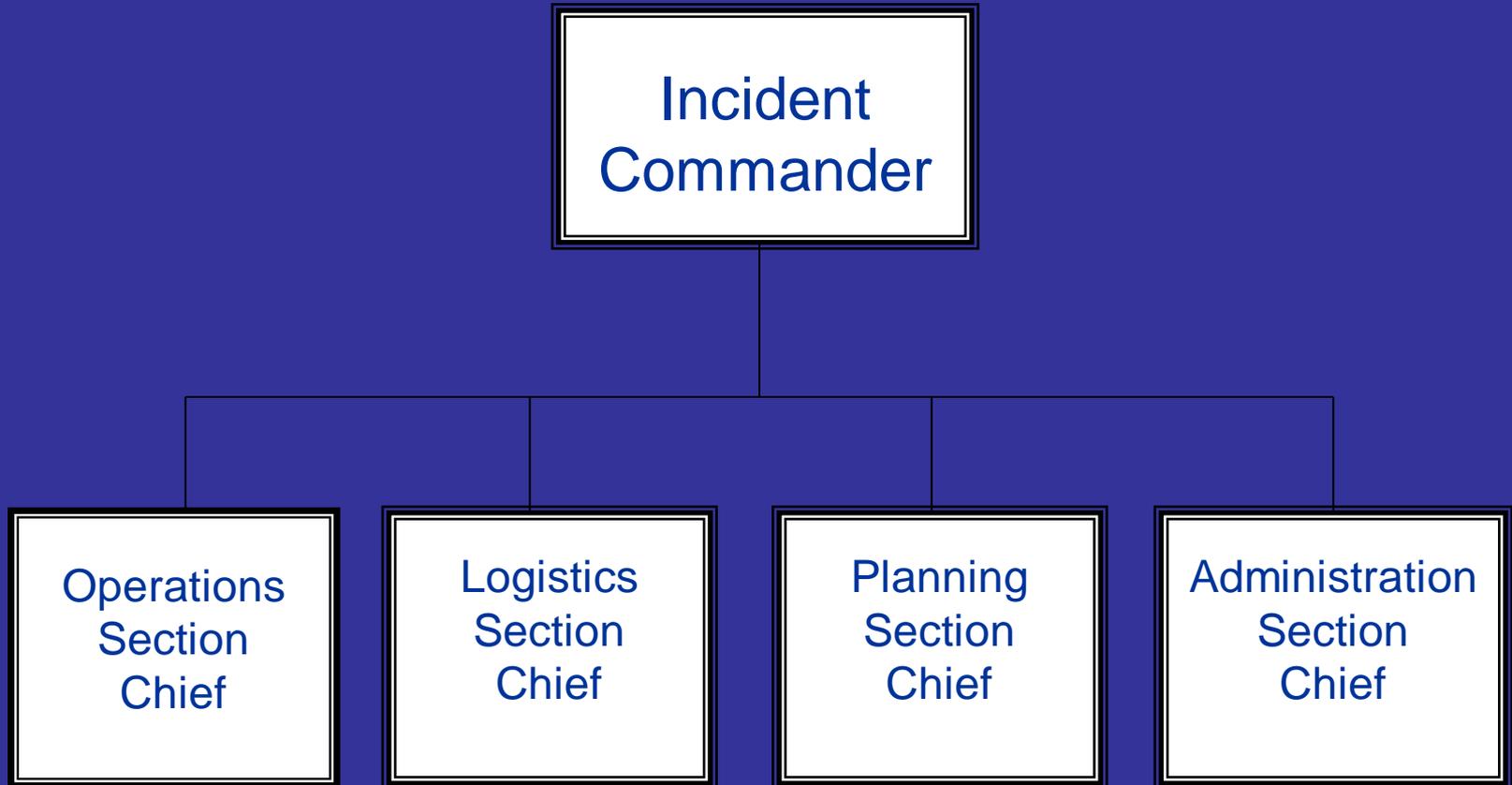
Incident Command System

- Organizational system for emergency management, fire departments and law enforcement agencies.
- Is flexible
- Ensures rescuer safety
- Manageable span of control
- Accountability of personnel
- **Do the greatest good**

for the greatest number

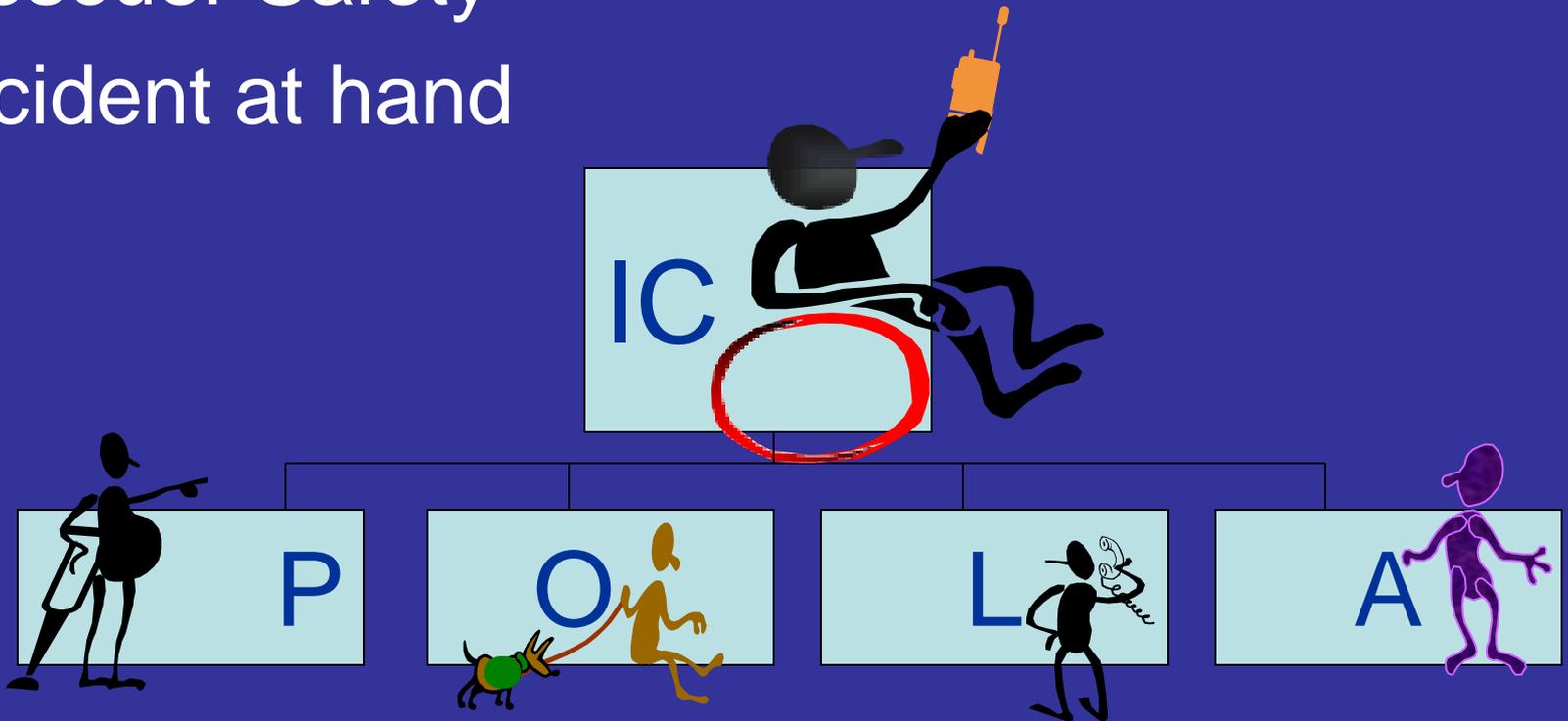


Incident Command System



CERT Decision Making

- Mobilization
- Rescuer Safety
- Incident at hand



CERT Documentation

- Need for documentation
- Each level of authority has responsibilities
- Forms of documentation
 - Damage assessment survey
 - Personnel resources form
 - Equipment resources form
 - Incident briefing
 - Message form
 - Incident status record
 - Victim treatment area record



ICS Activity

- Using your knowledge about the five Incident Command System functions, decide which function the following activities would fall. Some activities may involve more than one function to be completed.
- Work as a group.





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