

Exercise 8

Creating an Incident Communications System

Unit 8

Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to design a communications system taking into consideration the needs of the response agencies and personnel needed for the ICC.

Objectives

Students will:

- Recognize the significance of the information received and draw conclusions to create a communications system and recognize any incomplete information.
- List personnel needed for ICC positions.
- Identify needed communication assets to support the communications system.
- Complete an ICS Form 205 Incident Radio Communications Plan.

Exercise Structure

This exercise is scheduled to last approximately 1 hour. This exercise is a continuation of the Planned Event ICS Form 205 exercise. It is based upon the receipt of new incident information that requires revision of the ICS Form 205. The instructor will read an updated script below in the Exercise Scenario Update. Based on this information, the students will discuss the significance of the information received and what conclusions to draw as they create a communications system. Depending on the students' level of comfort, instructors can decide if the exercise should be completed individually or in small groups.

Exercise Scenario Update

While departing from Central City Airport, a business jet carrying John Jones and his band, a high visibility rock group, declared an emergency immediately after liftoff. The aircraft turned left from the runway heading, impacted the ground, and skidded through the perimeter fence across a major highway and into a two story office building. There was an immediate fire and there are at least 20 injuries. The status and number of plane occupants is unclear. After the initial Law and Fire response, the Fire Department has struck a third alarm, which has completely stripped the City Fire Department. The city has activated the local IMT, and you are responding as the COML.

Using the 217A data previously created, students will design a communications system, taking into consideration the needs of the Fire Department for fire suppression, Law Enforcement for scene preservation, perimeter control, etc., including mutual aid responses from neighboring jurisdictions, the Airport Authority, FAA, NTSB, Building Owners, the business owner occupants, the Jet aircraft owners located at the airport, and any other agencies that you may consider as likely responders. This is a high profile event since the press was informed that John Jones was on the plane. TV and Newspaper reporters are swarming the ICP and trying to get information.

Rules, Roles, and Responsibilities

Participants will work either individually or in small groups, led by the instructor.

Following are the specific activities/instructions for your participation in the exercise:

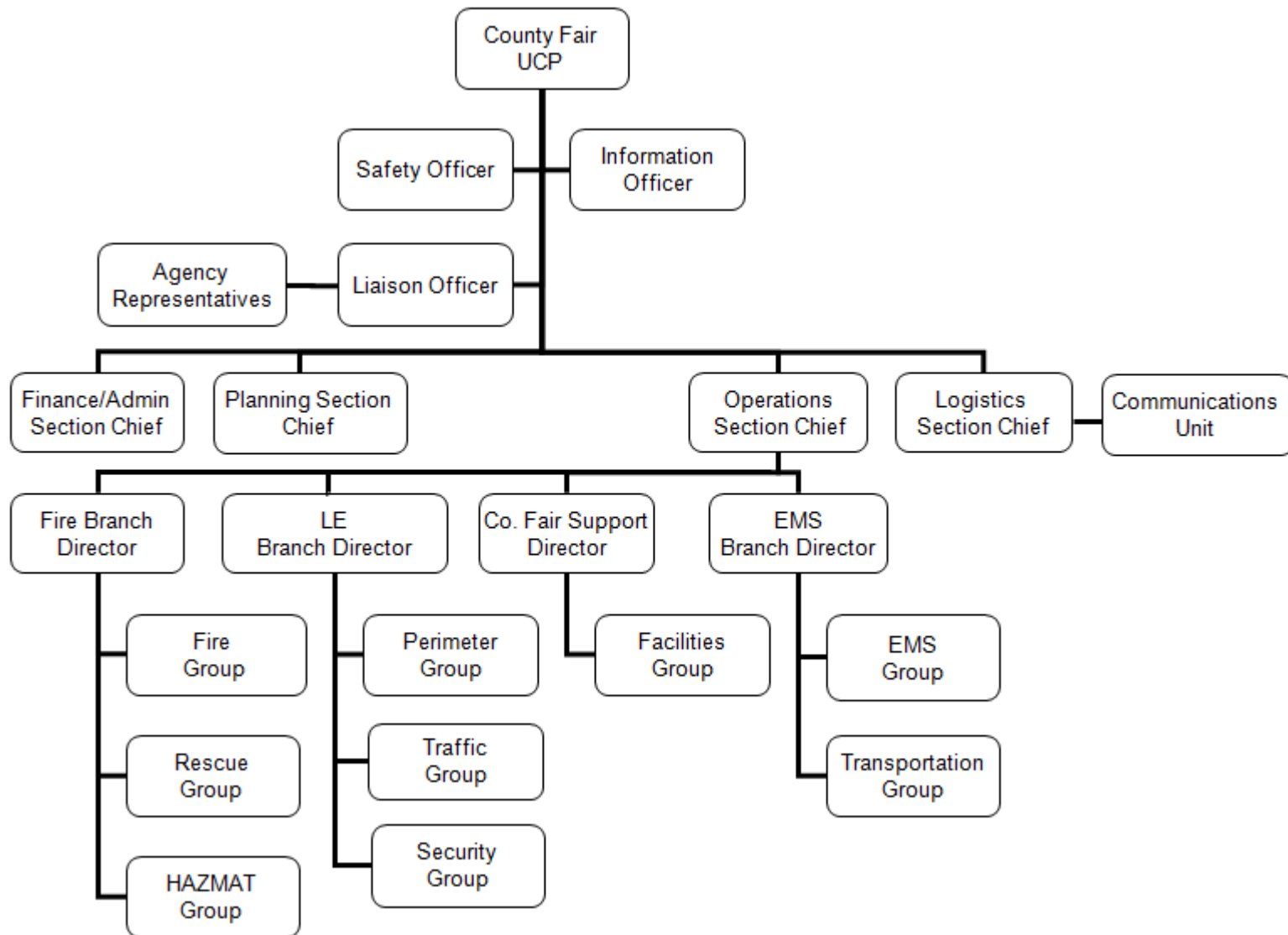
1. Review the scenario update information and create a communications system.
2. Identify and list personnel needed for the ICC.
3. Identify and list additional communications equipment needed to support the communications system.
4. Complete an ICS Form 205 Incident Radio Communications Plan based on the ICS 217A from the Central City scenario, Plane Crash Organization Chart, and updated information.
5. Make corrections according to the Instructor's feedback.

Instructors moderate discussions, answer questions and provide additional information as required.

Exercise 8 Schedule

Activity	Duration	Participation Type
Instructor Introduction	5 minutes	Classroom
Instructor Briefing	5 minutes	Classroom
Complete ICS Form 205	30 minutes	Individually
Review with Instructor	20 minutes	Classroom

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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

1. Incident Name:				2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: _____ Time: _____				3. Operational Period: Date From: _____ Date To: _____ Time From: _____ Time To: _____		
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:										
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq N or W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq N or W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode (A, D, or M)	Remarks
5. Special Instructions: 										
6. Prepared by (Communications Unit Leader): Name: _____ Signature: _____										
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