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# **Unit 2: Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff**



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# Unit Terminal Objective

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**Given a scenario and review materials, apply key NIMS doctrine concepts (NIMS Management Characteristics, Unified Command, Incident Command System structure and functional area responsibilities, IAP Preparation and the Operational Period Planning Cycle, and incident complexity) to the management of a complex incident or event.**



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# Unit Enabling Objectives

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# Unit Enabling Objectives (Cont.)

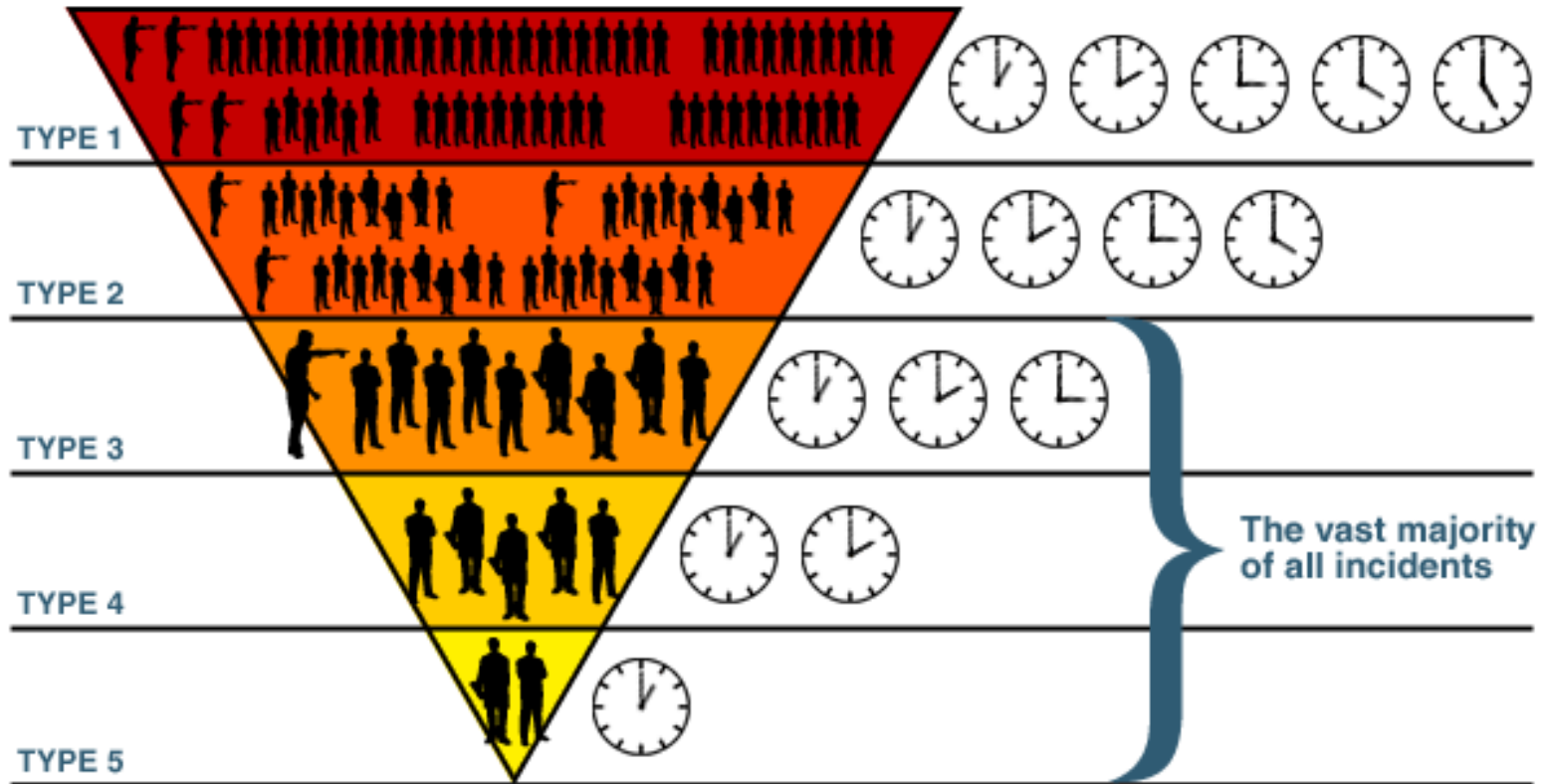
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# Incident Complexity and Types



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# Incident Complexity, Complex Incidents, and Incident Complex

- **Commonly misused terms.**
- **Language matters – use the correct term and ensure that your audience understands what you intend.**
- **Define each.**
- **Differentiate between.**



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# **Activity 2.1: Review Activity**

**Allotted Time: 2 hours 45 minutes**



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# Activity 2.1: Debrief

Group	Points to Cover
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary responsibilities of the Unified Command</li><li>• Primary responsibilities of the Officers</li></ul>
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operations Section Chief responsibilities</li><li>• Tactical resource needs</li><li>• Span of control</li><li>• Ops Section organizational structure</li></ul>
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary responsibilities and challenges of the Planning Section Chief</li><li>• Technical specialists</li><li>• Primary responsibilities and challenges of the Logistics Section Chief</li><li>• Primary responsibilities and challenges of the Finance/Admin Section Chief</li></ul>





# Activity 2.1: Debrief (Cont.)

Group	Points to Cover
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning process responsibilities</li><li>• Types of policies, guidelines, or agreements</li><li>• Length of first operational period</li><li>• Initial incident objectives</li><li>• Major steps/meeting conducted</li><li>• ICS forms used</li></ul>
Group 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unified Command advantages</li><li>• Jurisdictions/agencies included in the Unified Command structure</li><li>• Top three challenges associate with using Unified Command</li><li>• Strategies to address challenges</li></ul>



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