
Unit 4:

NIMS Coordination:

Emergency Operations Centers



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Visual 4.1

Unit Terminal Objective

Explain the attributes and purpose of Emergency Operations Centers.



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Visual 4.2

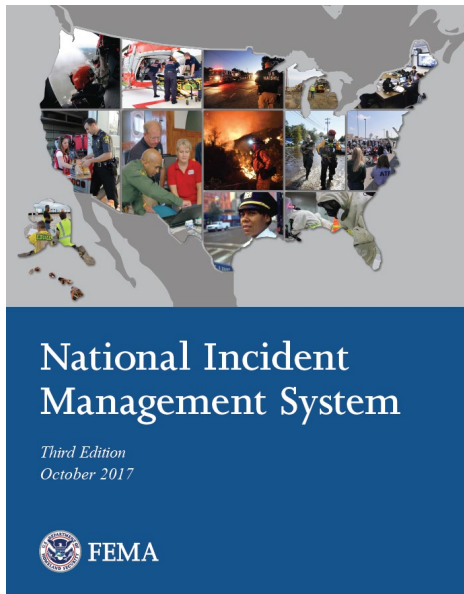
Unit Enabling Objectives

- **Explain the functions and structure of the Emergency Operations Center**
- **Explain the direction provided by the Senior Official / MAC Group to the EOC**



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NIMS Components



Resource Management

Command and Coordination

Communications and Information Management

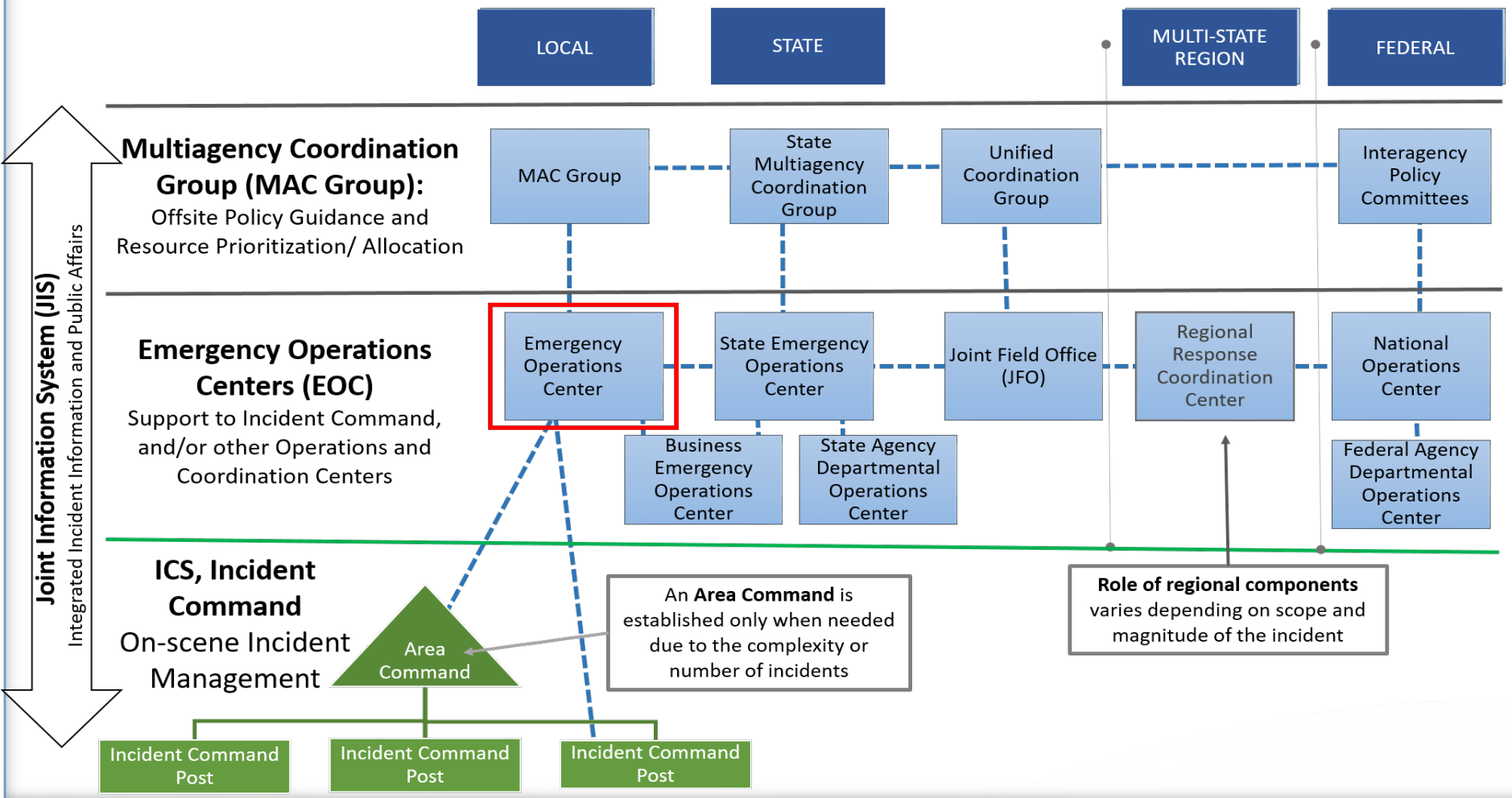
Incident Command System

Emergency Operations Center

Multiagency Coordination Groups

Joint Information Systems

Emergency Operations Centers



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EOC Functions

- **Collecting, analyzing, and sharing information.**
- **Supporting resource needs and requests, including allocation and tracking.**
- **Coordinating plans and determining current and future needs.**
- **Coordinating plans to support the Incident Command.**
- **In some cases, providing coordination and policy direction.**



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EOC Organizational Structure

- **While EOCs have common functions, their structure will vary between jurisdictions.**
- **Three common EOC organizational models:**
 - **ICS or ICS-Like**
 - **Incident Support Model**
 - **Departmental.**
- **Jurisdictions or organizations may choose to use one of these structures, a combination of elements from different structures, or an entirely different structure.**



EOC Benefits

- **Helps establish a shared situational picture.**
- **Simplifies information verification.**
- **Facilitates long-term operations.**
- **Increases continuity.**
- **Provides ready access to all available information.**
- **Aids resource identification and use.**



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EOC and the SR Official/ MAC Group

- **Local statutes or delegations of authority may limit an EOC's functions or actions.**
 - **Example: Monetary spending thresholds**
- **A SR Official/ MAC Group may:**
 - **Authorize additional fiscal resources.**
 - **Provide operational guidance.**
 - **Oversee complex incidents.**
 - **Provide operational or policy guidance.**



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SR Official/ MAC Group guides the EOC

The Senior Official or MAC Group guides the EOC by:

- Delegating appropriate authority to the EOC Director.**
- Issuing an Initial Policy Statement to the EOC.**
- Determining EOC reporting requirements.**
- Determining the Senior Official/ MAC Group decision-making process.**
- Identifying fiscal issues and possible parameters for the EOC.**
- Defining strategic level priorities for the incident.**



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Objectives Review

- **What are the functions and structure of the Emergency Operations Center?**
- **What direction is provided by the Senior Official / MAC Group to the EOC?**



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