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# **Unit 5: NIMS Coordination: MAC Groups and the Joint Information System**



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Visual 5.1

# Unit Terminal Objective

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**Explain the interconnectivity between the MAC Group, EOCs, the Joint Information System, and Incident Command.**



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Visual 5.2

# Unit Enabling Objectives

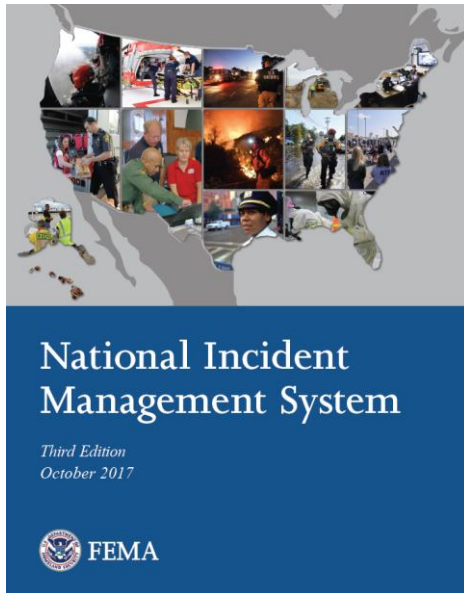
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- **Explain the functions and purpose of a Multiagency Coordination Group.**
- **Explain the functions and purpose of a Joint Information System.**
- **Describe the interconnectivity of the NIMS Command and Coordination systems.**



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# NIMS Components



**Resource Management**

**Command and Coordination**

**Communications and Information Management**

**Incident Command System**

**Emergency Operations Center**

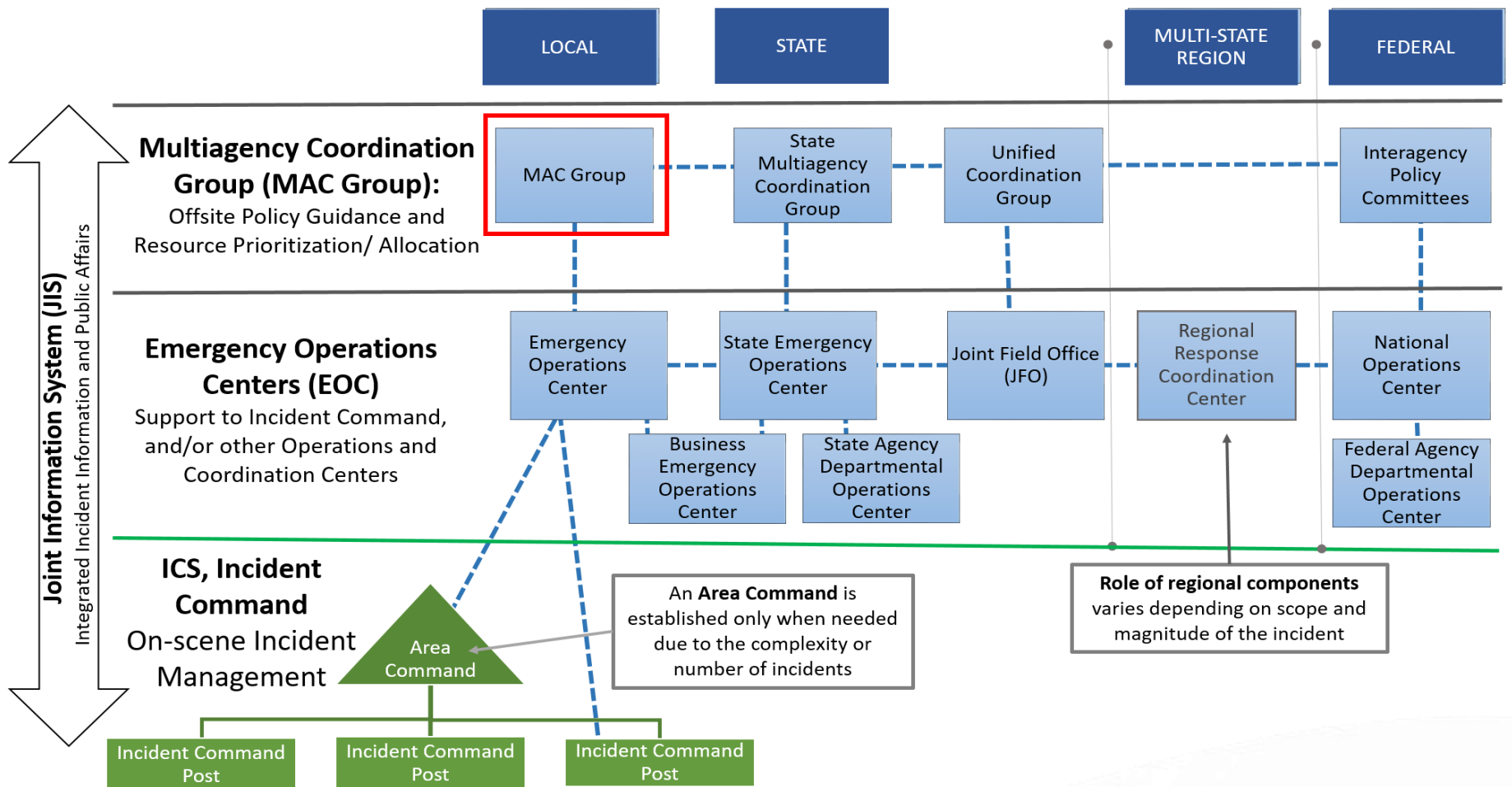
**Multiagency Coordination Groups**

**Joint Information Systems**



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# Multiagency Coordination Group



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# The MAC Group

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- **Provides policy guidance**
- **Supports resource prioritization and allocation**
- **Enables decision-making among elected and appointed officials and senior executives**
- **Is often comprised of:**
  - **Elected officials**
  - **Senior decision-makers**
  - **Senior public safety officials**
  - **High-level, subject-matter experts**



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# The SR Official/ MAC Group Role

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- Define the mission and strategic direction
- Identify operational priorities
- Provide policy guidance to EOC, IC and JIC/PIO
- Resolve scarce resource allocation issues
- Delegate command authority to the IC/ UC
- Delegate appropriate authority to the EOC and JIS
- Determine the MAC Group decision-making process
- Determine who will be included in the MAC Group
- Issue Initial Policy Statement to guide the EOC
- Determine reporting requirements



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# Operational Priorities

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MAC Groups apply priorities at policy level:

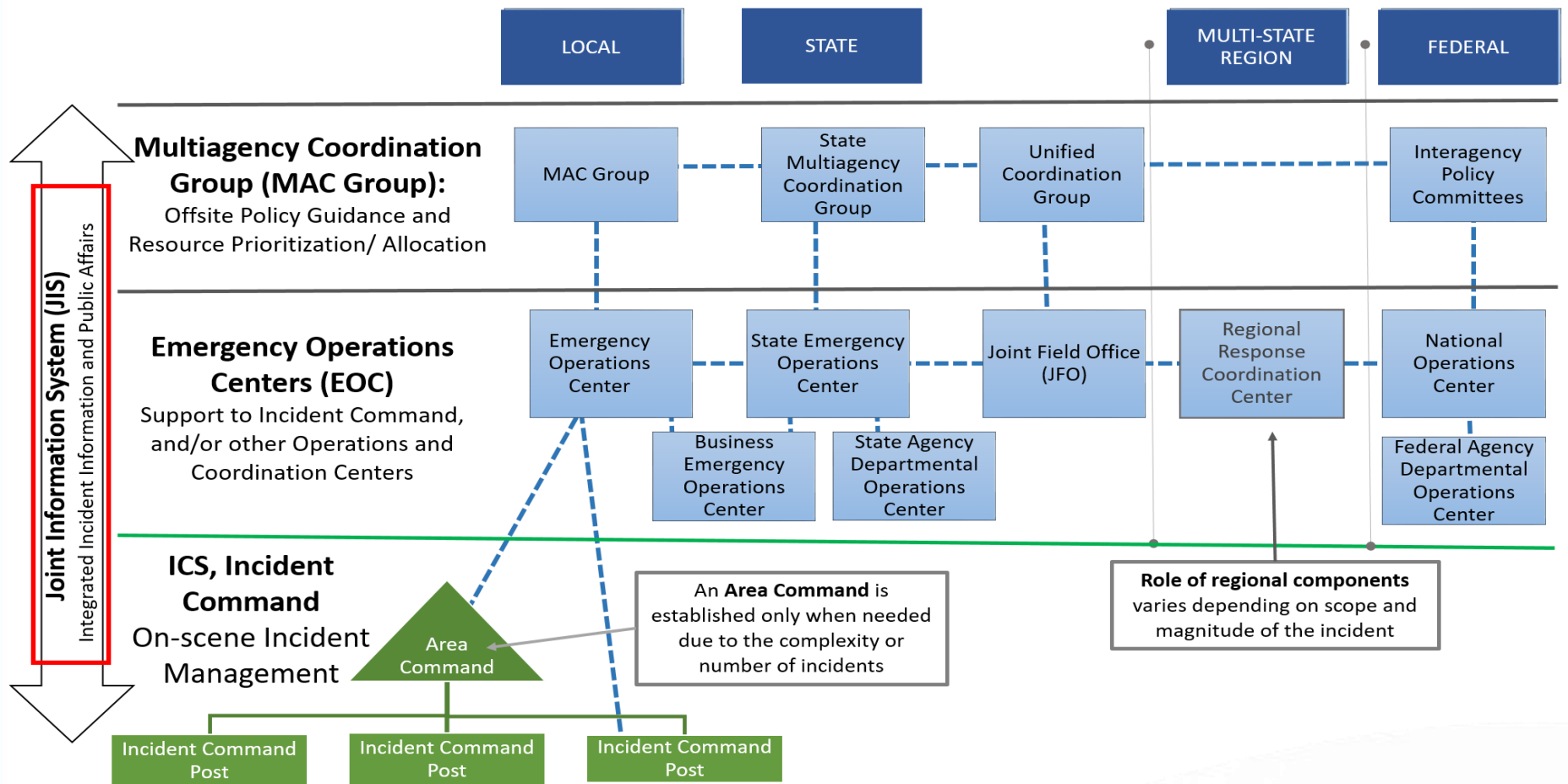
- **Save lives**
- **Protect property and environment**
- **Stabilize the incident**
- **Provide for basic human needs**
- **Restore essential utilities.**
- **Restore essential program functions.**
- **Coordinate among appropriate stakeholders**
- **Represent Political, Financial and Legal Concerns.**



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# Joint Information System



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# Joint Information System (JIS)

## Multiagency Coordination Entities



**EOC**



**JIC**

### JIC Coordinates:

- Critical emergency information.
- Crisis communications.
- Public affairs functions.



**PIO**

### PIO:

- Represents and advises Incident Command.
- Manages media and public inquiries.



**Senior Official  
& Spokesperson**



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# Managing Public Information



## The Public Information Officer (PIO):

- Manages media and public inquiries.
- May be separate PIOs for:
  - Incident Command
  - EOC
  - Senior Official / MAC Group

## PIOs coordinate and disseminate incident information through the JIC:

- Critical emergency information
- Crisis communications
- Public affairs functions



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# NIMS Describes Systems . . . Not a Facility



**Dispatch**



**On-Scene  
Command**



**Coordination  
Resource Centers**

## **NIMS Command and Coordination**

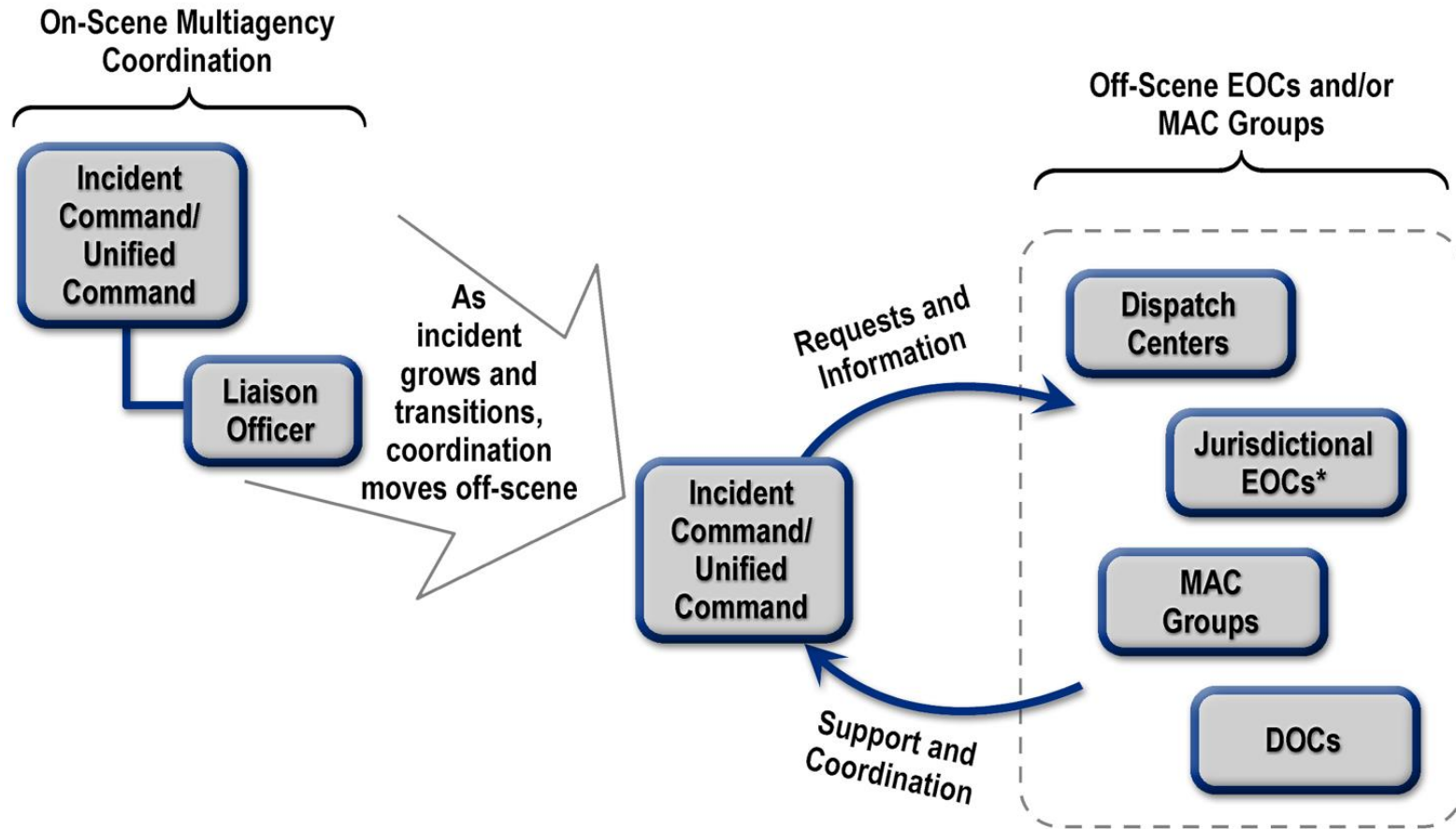


**Coordination  
Entities/  
Groups**



**Emergency  
Operations  
Centers**

# Interconnectivity of NIMS Command and Coordination



# Review of the Senior Official's Role

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In most jurisdictions the Senior Official is responsible for:

- Ensuring the safety of the citizens and protection of property
- Ensuring the continuity of government
- Activating specific legal authorities (disaster declarations, evacuations, state of emergency, or other protective actions)
- Delegating Authority for Incident Command to an IC/ UC
- Coordinating with the PIO to keep the media and public informed
- Requesting assistance from State agencies through the EOC
- Resolving any resource allocation conflicts
- Coordinating with other Sr. Officials & whole community partners
- Participating in a Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC)



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# Objectives Review

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- **What is the purpose of a Multiagency Coordination Group?**
- **What is the purpose of a Joint Information System?**
- **How are the NIMS Command and Coordination systems interconnected?**



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