

I.C.S AND GAS COMPNY OPERATIONS

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What is I.C.S?

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The **Incident Command System (ICS)** is "a systematic tool used for the command, control, and coordination of emergency response" according to the United States Federal Highway Administration.

A set of personnel, policies, procedures, facilities, and equipment, integrated into a common organizational structure designed to improve emergency response operations of all types and complexities

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The ICS concept was formed in 1968 at a Phoenix AZ meeting of Fire Chiefs.

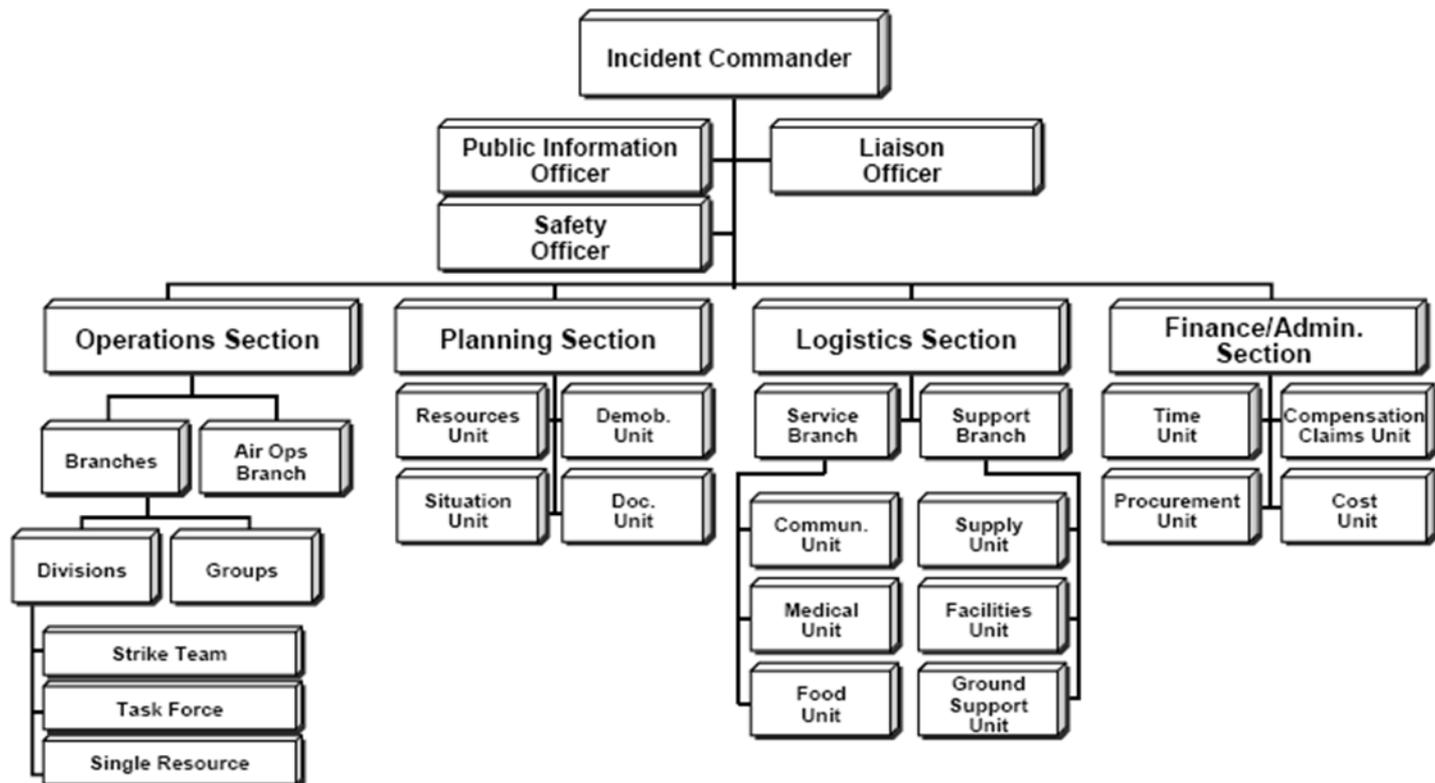
Primarily the program was built to take after the management hierarchy of the US Navy and it was mainly for fire fighting of wildfires in California and Arizona. During the 1970s.

The ICS System was used in New York at the **first terrorist attempt on the twin towers** February 26, 1993.

In **2003**, SEMS went national with the passage of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD5) requiring all federal, state, and local agencies know NIMS or the National Incident Management System to manage emergencies in order to **receive federal funding**.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) came about as a direct result of the terrorist attack on the **twin towers in New York on September 11, 2001**

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How does it effect
gas companies?

An overnight explosion rocked the Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. near Hughesville, Missouri, a company official said.

There were no fatalities or injuries following the blast just before midnight Thursday, according to representative Vicki Granado.

"The fire on the pipeline has been extinguished," she said. "There were no injuries; however, there were some families in the area evacuated as a precautionary measure. We are working with the local emergency responders to make sure the needs of any of those who were impacted are taken care of."

Granado said the gas has been rerouted to avoid impact to customer deliveries.

An investigation is under way. 11/29/2013



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Unity of Command

Under unity of command, personnel:

- Report to only one ICS supervisor.**
- Receive work assignments only from their ICS supervisors.**

When you are assigned to an incident, you no longer report directly to your day-to-day supervisor

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The principal functions and responsibilities of MAC entities typically include the following:

Ensuring that each agency involved in incident management activities is providing **appropriate situational awareness and resource status information;**

Establishing priorities between incidents and/or [Area Commands](#) in concert with [Incident Commanders](#) or a [Unified Command](#);

Acquiring and allocating resources required by incident management personnel in concert with the priorities established by Incident or Unified Command;

Anticipating and identifying future resource requirements;

Coordinating and resolving policy issues arising from the incident(s); and

Providing strategic coordination as required

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Chain of Command

Chain of command is an orderly line of authority within the ranks of the incident management organization. Chain of command:

- Allows an **Incident Commander to direct and control the actions** of all personnel under his or her supervision.

- Avoids confusion by requiring that orders flow from supervisors.**

Chain of command does NOT prevent personnel from directly communicating with each other to ask for or share information

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Manageable Span of Control

Another basic ICS feature concerns the supervisory structure of the organization. Maintaining **adequate span of control** throughout the ICS organization is very important.

Span of control pertains to the number of individuals or resources that one supervisor can manage effectively during an incident.

Maintaining an effective span of control is important at incidents where **safety and accountability are a top priority**

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