

Unit 6: Unified Command



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Visual 6.1
Unified Command

Unit Objectives

- **Define Unified Command.**
- **List the advantages of Unified Command.**
- **Identify the primary features of Unified Command.**
- **Differentiate between command and coordination.**

Unit List

- ✓ **Course Overview**
- ✓ **ICS Overview**
- ✓ **ICS Features & Principles**
- ✓ **Incident Commander & Command Staff Functions**
- ✓ **General Staff Functions**
- ➔ **Unified Command**
 - **Course Summary – Putting It All Together**



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Activity: Optimal Strategy

Instructions: Working individually . . .

- 1. Review the scenario presented in the Student Manual and select the optimal strategy that provides the best solution.**
- 2. Be prepared to share your answer in 5 minutes.**



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Unified Command

The Unified Command organization consists of the Incident Commanders from the various jurisdictions or organizations operating together to form a single command structure.



Fire &
Rescue
Incident
Commander



Local Law
Enforcement
Incident
Commander



HazMat
Incident
Commander



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Unified Command Benefits

- A shared understanding of priorities and restrictions.
- A single set of incident objectives.
- Collaborative strategies.
- Improved internal and external information flow.
- Less duplication of efforts.
- Better resource utilization.



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Unified Command Features



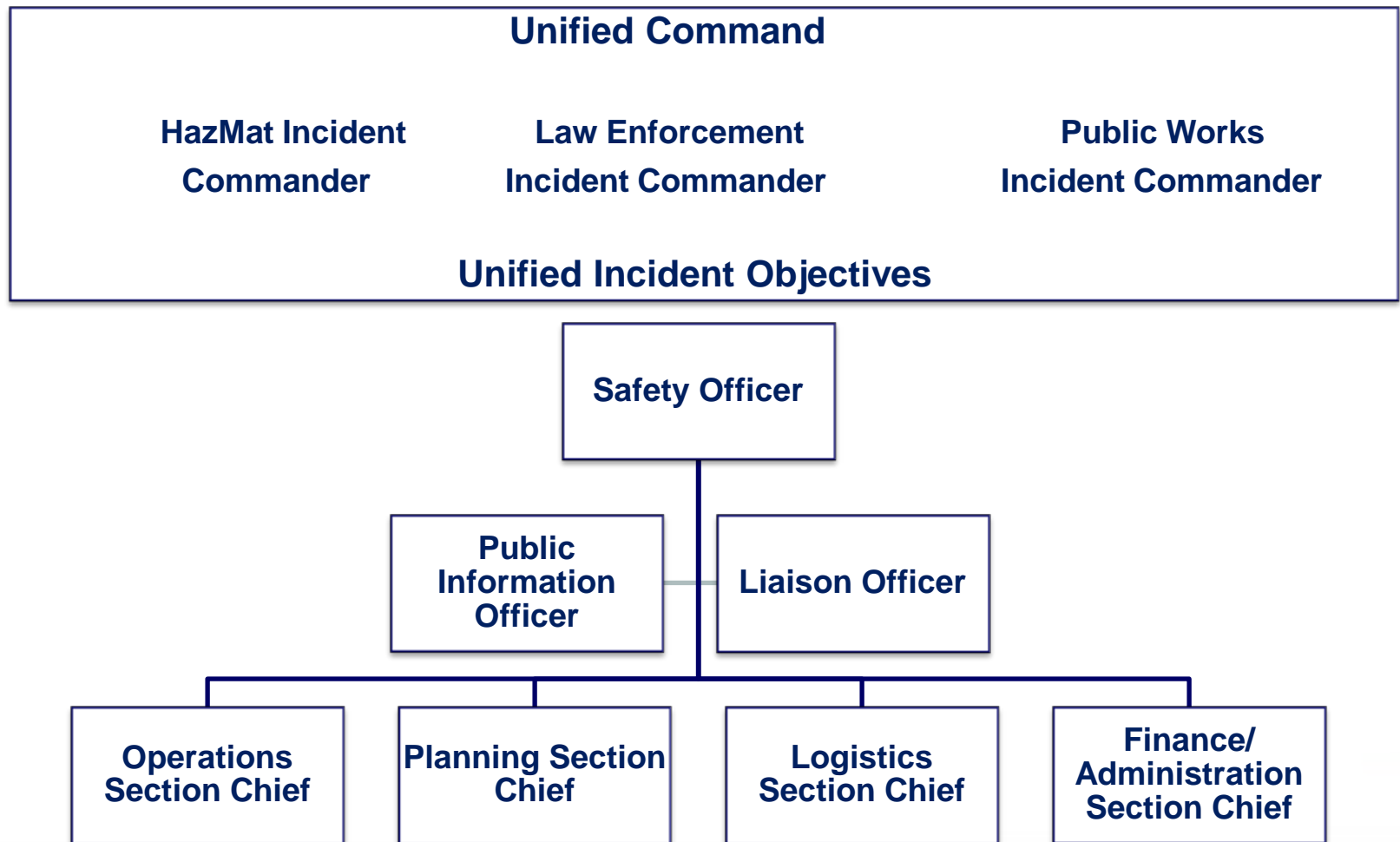
- A single integrated incident organization
- Co-located (shared) facilities
- One set of incident objectives, single planning process, and Incident Action Plan
- Integrated General Staff – Only one Operations Section
- Coordinated process for resource ordering



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Possible Organization



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Discussion Question

**What are potential
barriers to
implementing Unified
Command?**

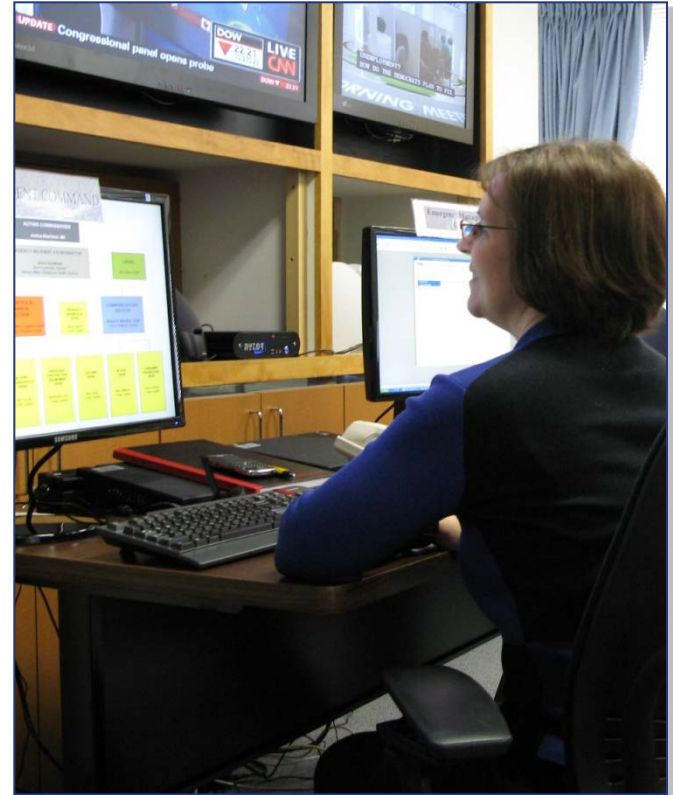


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Making Unified Command Work

- Include key community response personnel.
- Make sure that first responders know their legal and ethical responsibilities.
- Learn ICS.
- Train and exercise together.



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Incident Coordination



Coordination activities include:

- **Establishing policy.**
- **Collecting information.**
- **Establishing priorities.**
- **Resolving resource issues.**
- **Facilitating support.**
- **Synchronizing public messages.**



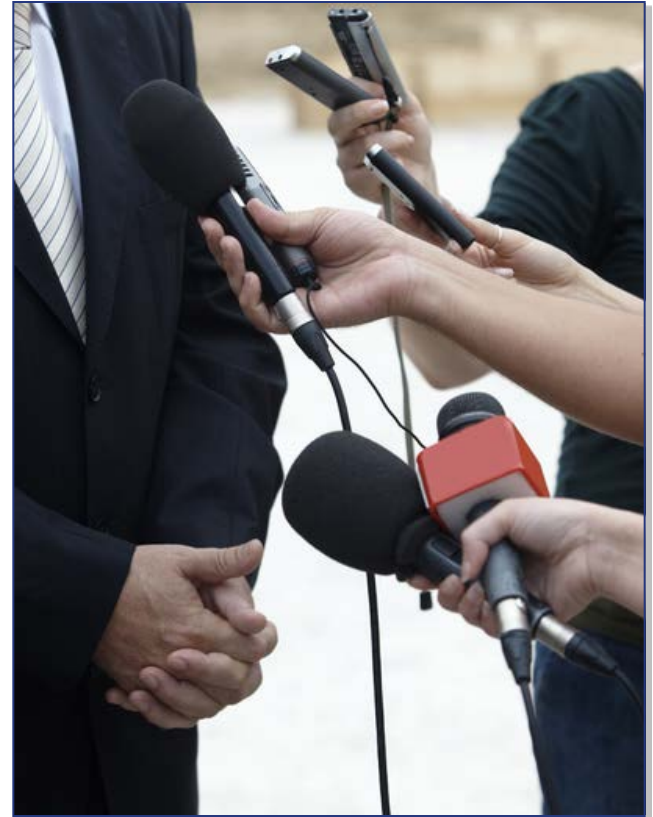
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Joint Information Center

The Joint Information Center (JIC):

- May be established to coordinate public information activities.
- Serves as the central point of contact for all news media.



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Activity: Unified Command

Instructions: Working as a team . . .

- 1. Review the scenario and questions presented in the Student Manual.**
- 2. Refer to the quick-reference guides in the Student Manual as needed.**
- 3. Select a spokesperson and be prepared to present your work in 20 minutes.**



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Summary

Are you now able to:

- **Define Unified Command?**
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