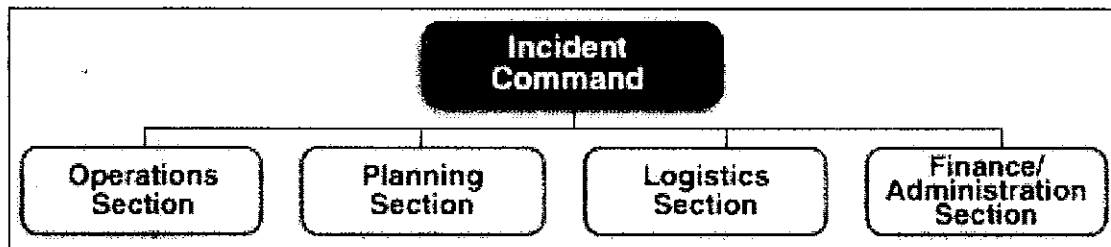

There are five major management functions that are the foundation upon which the ICS organization develops. These functions apply whether you are handling a routine emergency, organizing for a major non-emergency event, or managing a response to a major disaster.

- Incident Command
- Finance/Administration
- Logistics
- Operations
- Planning



The major management positions always apply and are always filled, no matter the size of the incident, and represent five sections of staff: Command, plus Finance/Administration, Logistics, Operations, and Planning. (These four are sometimes remembered as FLOP.) Three other Incident Command positions are Information Officer, Safety Officer, and Liaison Officer. The staff positions can be performed by the same person or by multiple people.

Command — The facility's Incident Commander is the single person in charge of the incident at the facility and initially fills all five command staff positions. As the incident grows the tasks covered by other sections can be delegated, and those new positions take the title of Section Leader. The Incident Commander is responsible for all activity on the incident as well as creating the overall incident objectives.

Finance/Administration — The facility's Finance Leader is tasked with tracking incident related costs, personnel records, requisitions, and administrating procurement contracts required by Logistics, including:

- Contract negotiation and monitoring
- Timekeeping
- Cost analysis
- Compensation for injury or damage to property

Logistics — The facility's Logistics Leader is tasked with providing all resources, services, and support required by the incident, including:

- Ordering, obtaining, and maintaining essential personnel, equipment, and supplies
- Providing communication planning and resources
- Setting up food services
- Setting up and maintaining incident facilities
- Providing transportation
- Providing medical services to incident personnel

Operations — The facility's Operations Leader is tasked with directing all actions to meet the incident objectives.