Incident Command System

NIMS / ICS OVERVIEW

Why ICS?

- It's flexible and scalable.
- Provides chain and unity of command.
- Limits span of control
- It can include all responders from within own agency or Host Nation
- Gives clear direction to entire organization.
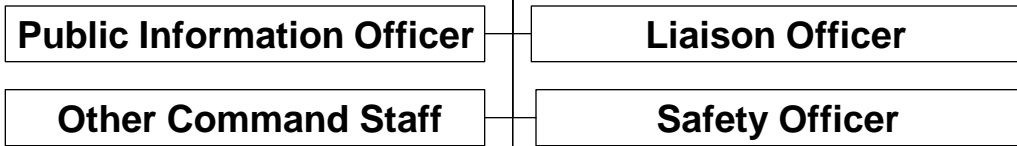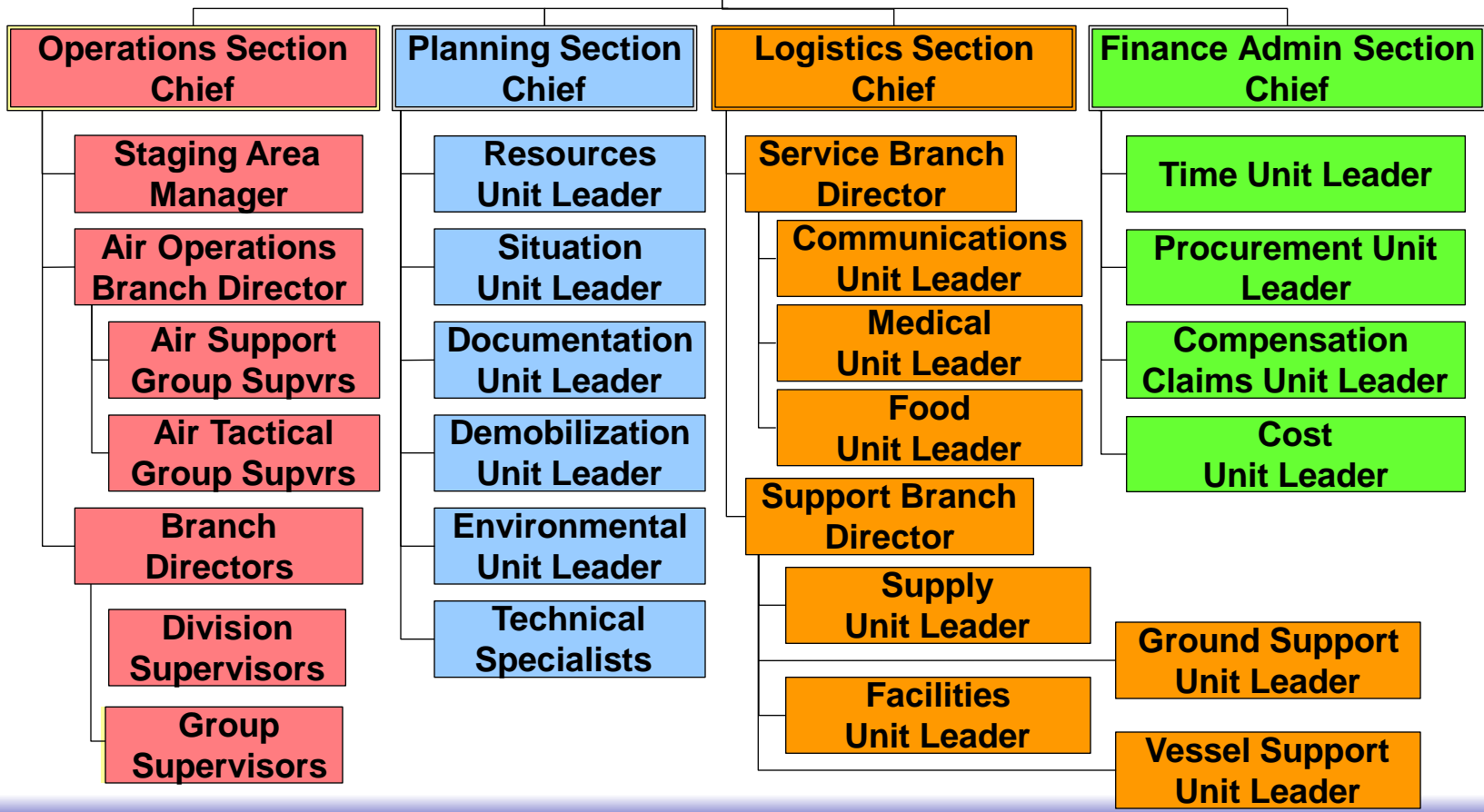
ICS Flexibility

■ **Primary ICS Functions**

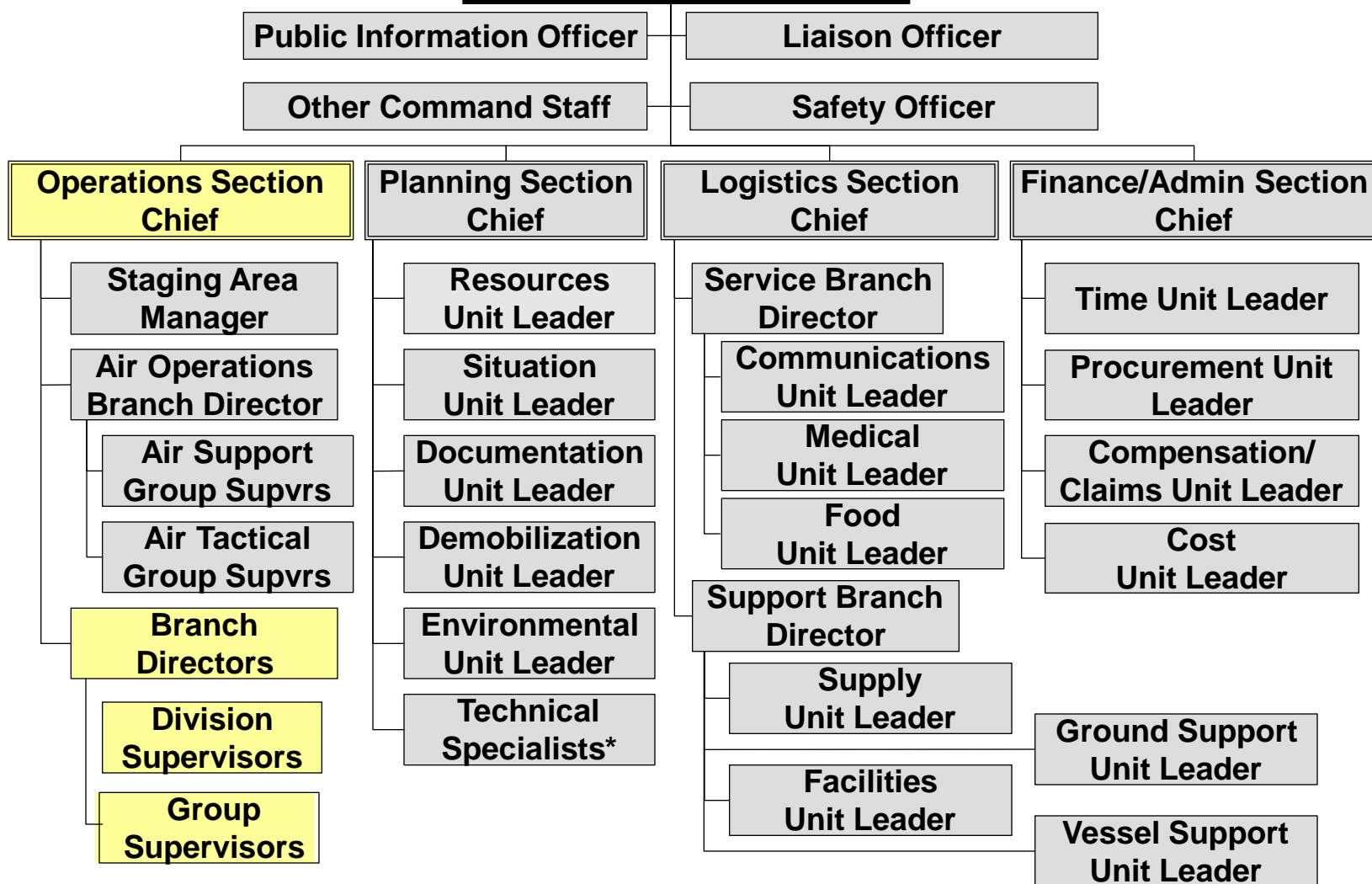# ICS Scalability

IC/UC

Command Staff →

- Public Information Officer
- Liaison Officer
- Other Command Staff
- Safety Officer

General Staff →

Operations Section Chief	Planning Section Chief	Logistics Section Chief	Finance Admin Section Chief
Staging Area Manager	Resources Unit Leader	Service Branch Director	Time Unit Leader
Air Operations Branch Director	Situation Unit Leader	Communications Unit Leader	Procurement Unit Leader
Air Support Group Supvrs	Documentation Unit Leader	Medical Unit Leader	Compensation Claims Unit Leader
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Unity & Chain of Command

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Single Command

- **Initial response**
  - **Command assumed by most qualified on-scene authority**

- **Expanding incident**
  - **Command passed to best qualified on-scene officer**

- **Long-term extended operations**
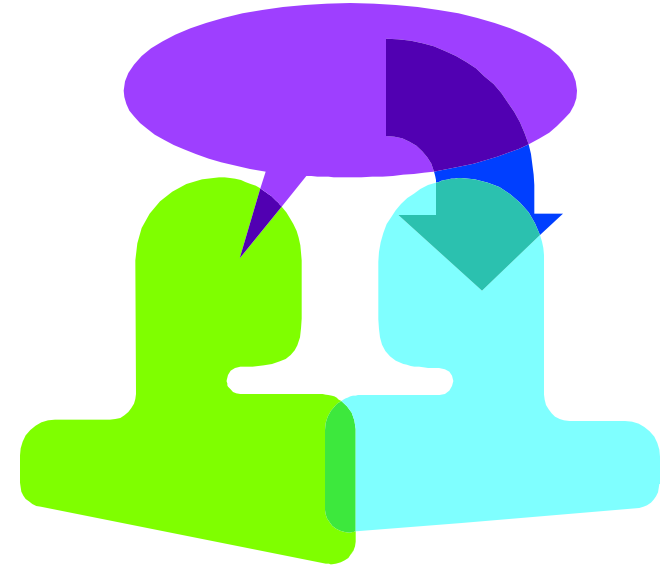 - **Command passed to higher ranking, better qualified authority**

Unified Command

- **Can be departments within own agency or US Navy and Host Nation(s)**

- **Co-management of incident**

- **Overlapping jurisdictional / agency responsibilities**

- **Coordination of efforts**

Transfer Command

- ## Applies to:

  - ### Single Command

  - ### Unified Command

- ## Should be:

  - ### Smooth

  - ### Overlapping

  - ### Communicated

ICS Overview

- **Management by Objectives**

- **Documentation**

- **Communication**
  - **Internal**
  - **External**
  - **Formal/Informal**

- **Resource Tracking**

ICS Overview

Clear direction and path to ongoing planning
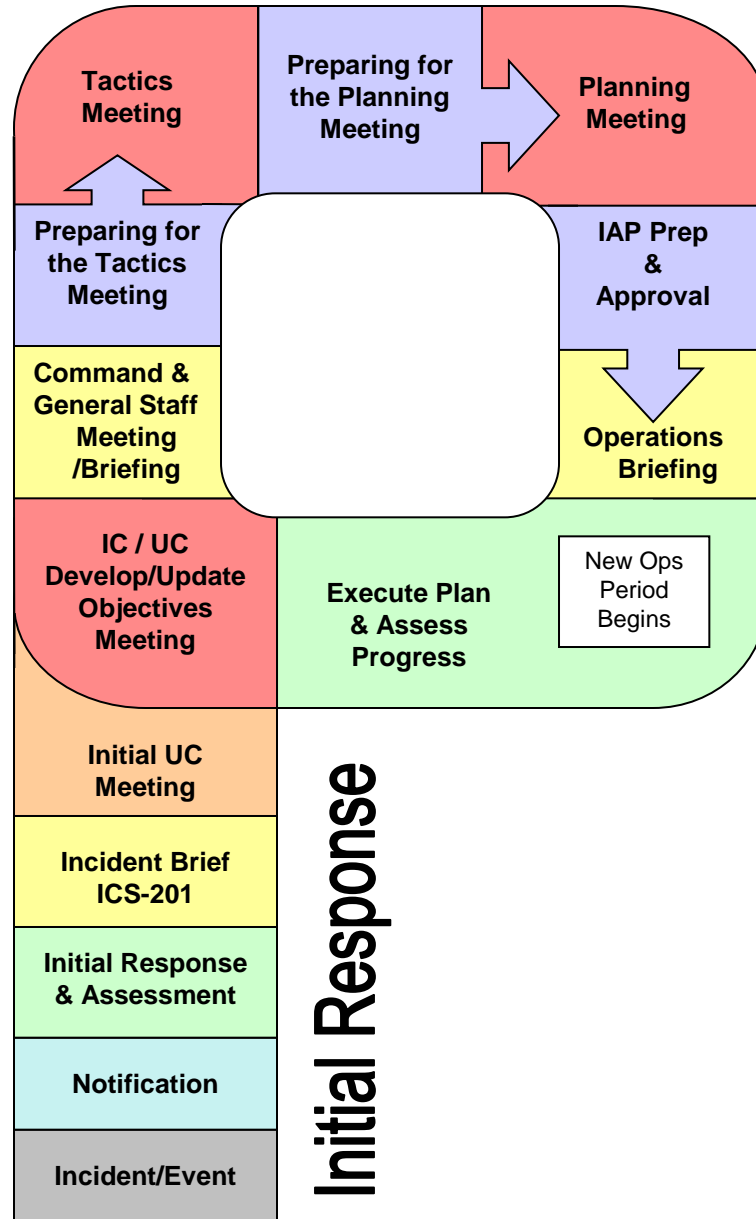
Your System

- **We need a better understanding of our HN and partner Incident Management Systems**

- **Similar?**

- **Flexible?**

- **What is the same?**

- **What is different?**

Questions?