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*Environmental Protection
Agency*

*National Incident Management
System (NIMS) Implementation*

National Approach to Response (NAR)

June 23, 2003

- *As a result of Sept 11 and other major responses the EPA Administrator released the NAR with the goal of developing the capacity to respond to 5 major simultaneous incidents.*
- *In addition to setting strategic direction, the NAR addressed regional consistency in training, equipment, laboratory capability, and contract resources.*
- *The NAR required implementation of the ICS in accordance with HSPD-5.*

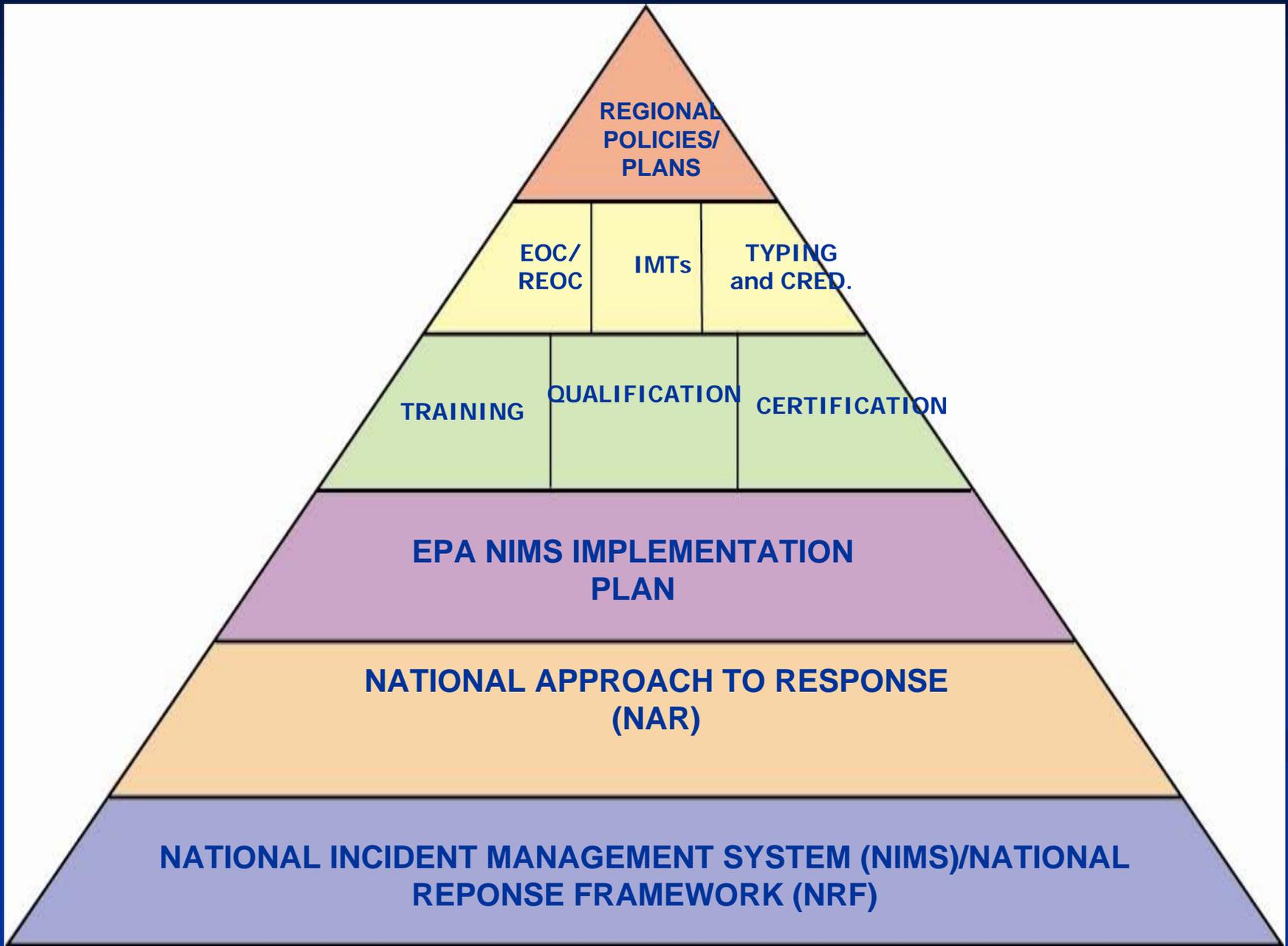
How did we begin implementation?

EPA's agency-specific requirements were incorporated into the NWCG NIMS ICS model, with modifications to accommodate EPA's unique missions under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP) and EPA's organizational structure and statutory requirements.

EPA NIMS Implementation – the mechanism

- *Established NIMS Integration Team (NIT)*
 - *Coordinates with the DHS NIMS Integration Center and regional FEMA offices*
 - *Produces NIMS guidance & support documents*
 - *Acts as a national workgroup for ICS problem solving*
 - *Coordinates with EPA response partners on NIMS Integration*

The building blocks of NIMS Implementation

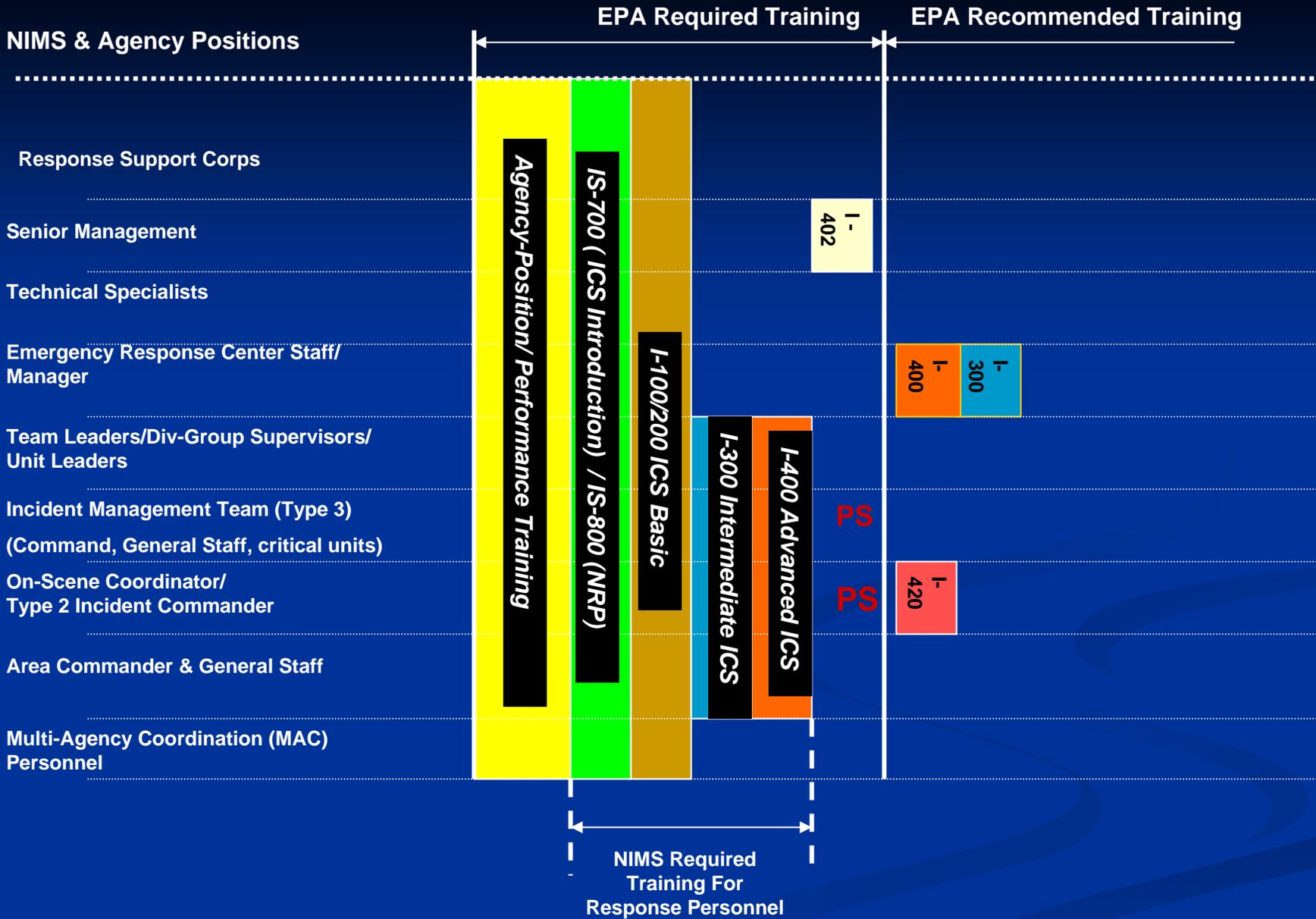


Elements of ICS implementation

- NIMS Implementation Plan
- Training courses for personnel including EPA Executives
- Training, Qualification and Certification Standards
- National Roster of trained/certified personnel
- Incident Management Team (IMT) Guidance
- Response Support Corps
- Incident Management Handbook (IMH)
- Position Specific Job Aids
- Regional Response Centers and Headquarters
Emergency Operations Center Standard Operating
Guidance
- Resource Typing of EPA assets

ICS courses developed and taught by EPA

- EPA 300/400
- EPA 400: Position specific training for Incident Commanders.
- EPA 401: Position specific training for Liaison Officers.
- EPA 402: **ICS for Executives**
- EPA 403: Position specific training for Information Officers.
- EPA 404: Position specific training for Safety Officers.
- EPA 430: Position specific training for Operations Section Chief.
- EPA 440: Position specific training for Planning Section Chief.
- EPA 349: Environmental Unit Training. Includes data management training, an overview of modeling, toxicology, and sampling plan development.
- EPA 450: Position specific training for Logistics Section Chief.
- EPA 460: Position specific training for Finance Section Chief that addresses EPA contracting and purchase issues encountered during a major cross regional incident.
- EPA 346: Situation Unit Leader training.
- EPA 347: Demobilization Unit Leader training.
- EPA 348: Resource Unit Leader training.



*Training Requirements –
 who needs to take what?*

PS = position specific training

- *Over 2500 EPA employees have received ICS 300/400 level training. Over 800 EPA employees have taken at least one ICS Position Specific Training course.*





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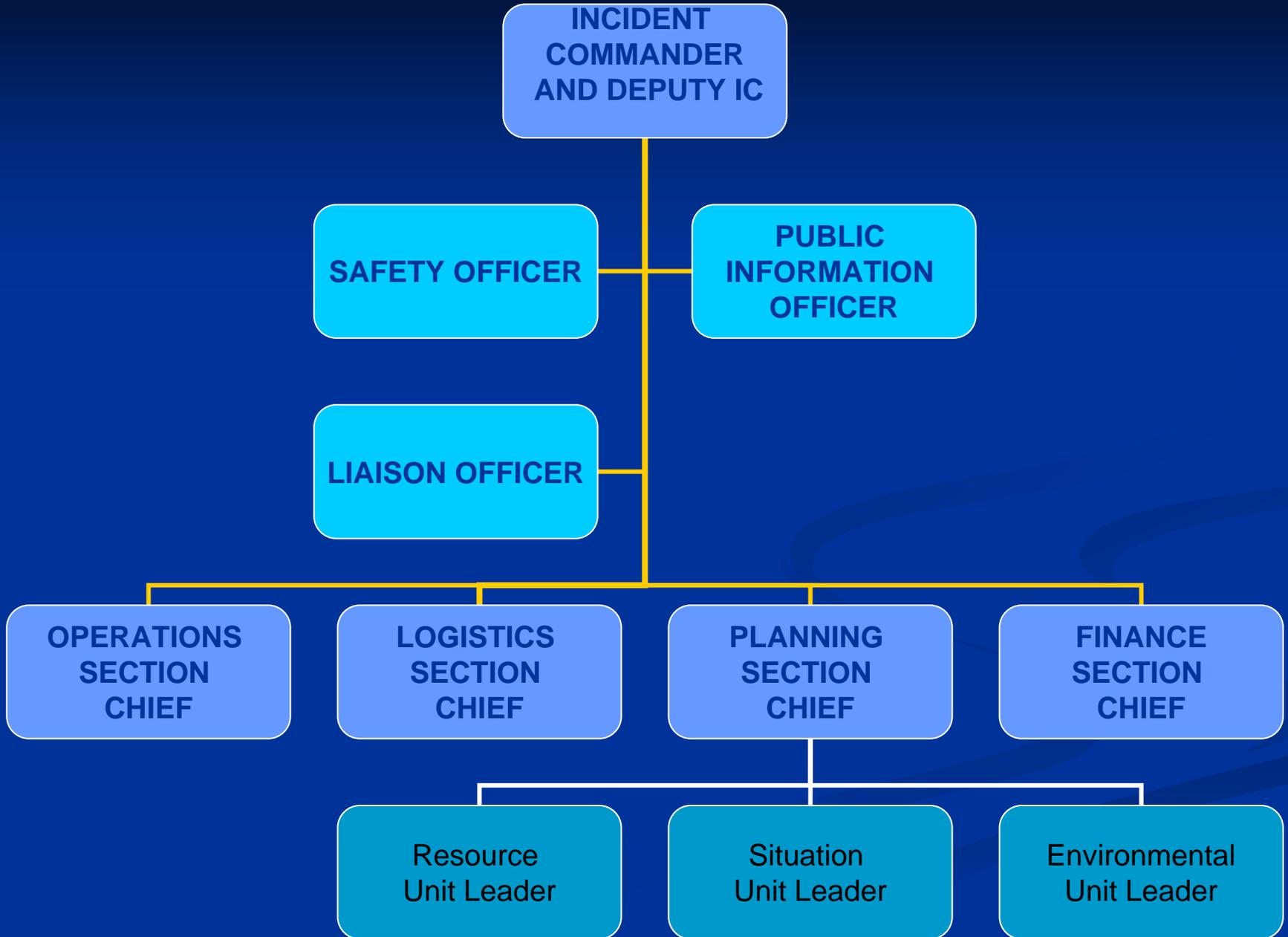
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| Position | Region 01 | Region 02 | Region 03 | Region 04 | Region 05 | Region 06 | Region 07 | Region 08 | Region 09 | Region 10 | HQ | Special Teams |
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| EPA Environmental Unit Leader | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| EPA Finance Section Chief | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| EPA Incident Commander | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| EPA Information Officer | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 2 |
| EPA Liason Officer | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| EPA Logistics Section Chief | 6 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| EPA Operations Section Chief | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| EPA Planning Section Chief | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| EPA Resource Unit Leader | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| EPA Safety Officer | 5 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| EPA Situation Unit Leader | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 |

Incident Management Teams (IMTs)

- *The IMT coordinates ALL EPA response assets reporting to the incident.*
- *Each EPA region can fully staff an IMT, 3 deep, with the 11 key positions needed to successfully manage a large incident.*
- *The full team can be deployed or only specific organizational units – incident specific.*
- *Each region has MOUs with back up regions to provide additional support for the teams when needed.*

EPA Regional Incident Management Teams







Response Support Corp personnel

The Symposium

- *EPA held it's first ICS Symposium in August of 2006 with over 180 attendees. The function of the Symposium was to update the training, review the EPA Incident Management Handbook, and develop position specific job aids.*
- *This concept will be part of capturing modifications needed in EPAs implementation of NIMS following any major response.*

Websites

- *epaossc.net (go to web sites and then click on the EPA HQ logo)*
 - *NIMS Integration Team web site*
 - *EPA ICS Forms web site*
 - *300/400 Train the Trainer web site*

.....so how is this working in the field?

