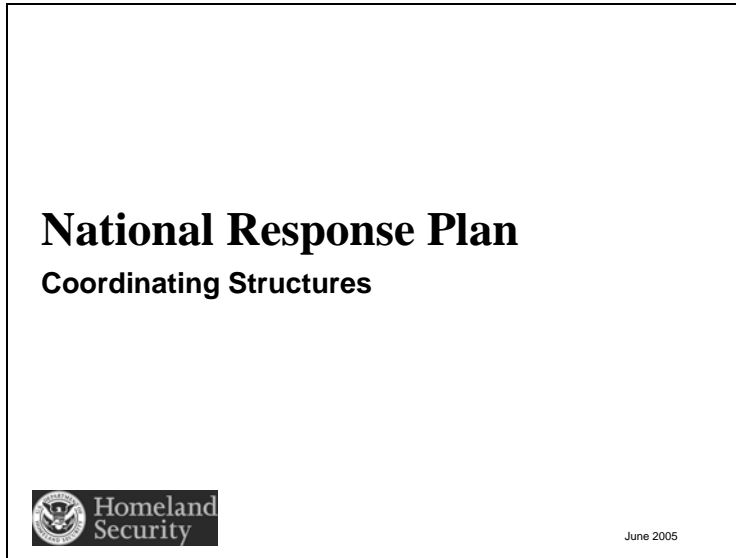

Unit 3: Coordinating Structures

- Unit Introduction
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Visual 3.1



Visual Description: Coordinating Structures Opening Visual



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 15-28

Note: This section of the training covers the first portion of Section IV of the Base Plan (pages 15 - 28).



Visual 3.2

Unit 3 Objectives

At the end of this lesson, you should be able to identify the roles of the following NRP coordinating structures:

- Incident Command Post (ICP)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Homeland Security Operations Center (HSOC)
- Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG)
- National Response Coordination Center (NRCC)
- Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC)
- Joint Field Office (JFO)



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Visual Description: Unit Objectives

**Notes**

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Review the unit objectives.



Visual 3.3

NRP Coordinating Structures

- Enable execution of the responsibilities of the President through the appropriate Federal departments and agencies
- Integrate Federal, State, local, tribal, nongovernmental organization, and private-sector efforts into a comprehensive national approach to domestic incident management



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Visual Description: NRP Coordinating Structures



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 15 & 16

- Federal coordinating structures, processes, and protocols are employed to manage Incidents of National Significance.
- These coordinating structures and processes are designed to:
 - Enable execution of the responsibilities of the President through the appropriate Federal departments and agencies, and
 - Integrate Federal, State, local, tribal, nongovernmental organization, and private-sector efforts into a comprehensive national approach to domestic incident management.
- “Structures” refers to the organizational framework for command and coordination of incidents.



Visual 3.4



Visual Description: Video Presentation



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 15-28

Video Transcript

As you learned earlier, a basic premise of the NRP is that incidents are generally handled at the lowest jurisdictional level possible. Police, fire, public health and medical, emergency management, and other personnel are responsible for incident management at the local level.

The Incident Command Post coordinates response activities with support from local and State Emergency Operations Centers. In some instances, a Federal agency may act as a first responder and may provide direction or assistance consistent with its specific statutory authorities and responsibilities.

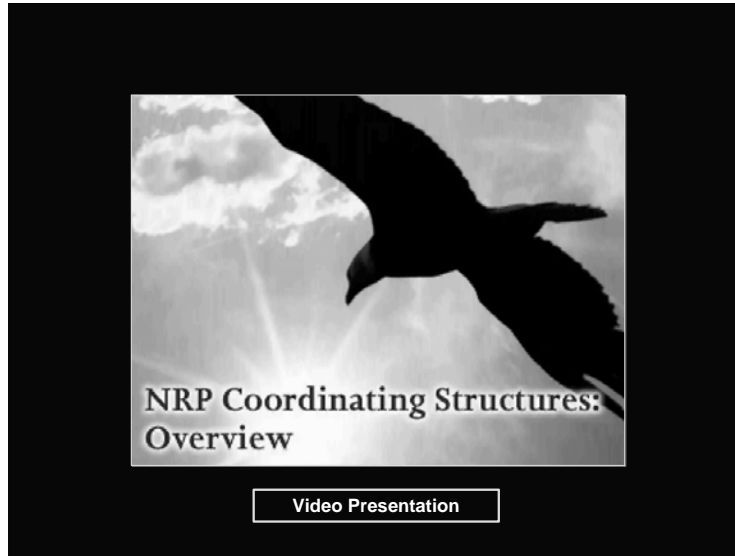
During actual or potential Incidents of National Significance, the Secretary of Homeland Security is responsible for overall coordination of Federal incident management activities. The Secretary utilizes multiagency coordination structures, as defined in the National Incident Management System, at the national, regional, and field levels to coordinate efforts and provide appropriate support.

At the national level, incident information-sharing, operational coordination, and deployment of Federal resources are coordinated by the Homeland Security Operations Center, referred to as the HSOC. Strategic-level interagency incident management coordination and course-of-action development are supported by the Interagency Incident Management Group, or IIMG. The IIMG also serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

The National Response Coordination Center works closely with the HSOC and IIMG to coordinate the deployment of Federal resources and to support the efforts of regional and field components. At the regional level, interagency resource coordination and multiagency incident support are provided by the Regional Response Coordination Center.



Visual 3.4
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Visual Description: Video Presentation



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 15-28

At the local level, the Joint Field Office, or JFO, is a temporary Federal facility established in or near the affected jurisdictions during Incidents of National Significance. The JFO serves as a central point of coordination for Federal support to incident management activities.

NRP coordinating structures are designed to support the complete spectrum of incident management activities including prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.



Visual 3.5

NRP Structures and Functions

- **Incident Command:** Directs on-scene emergency management
- **EOCs/Multiagency Coordination Centers:** Provide support and coordination by:
 - Identifying resource shortages and issues
 - Gathering and providing information
 - Implementing multiagency coordination entity decisions
- **Multiagency Coordination Entity:** Provides strategic coordination by:
 - Prioritizing between incidents and associated resource allocation
 - Serving as a focal point for issue resolution



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Visual Description: NRP Structures and Functions



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 17 & 18

The different types of command and coordination structures included in the National Response Plan are:

- **Incident Command:** Directs on-scene emergency management.
- **EOCs/Multiagency Coordination Centers:** Provide support and coordination by:
 - Identifying resource shortages and issues.
 - Gathering and providing information.
 - Implementing multiagency coordination entity decisions.
- **Multiagency Coordination Entity:** Provides strategic coordination by:
 - Establishing priorities among incidents and associated resource allocation.
 - Serving as a focal point for issue resolution.
 - Providing strategic guidance to support incident management activities.



Visual 3.6

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Match the function to the correct type of NRP Structure.

Function	NRP Structures
_____ Prioritizes distribution of resources across multiple incident locations.	A. Incident Command
_____ Directs on-scene response activities.	B. EOC/Multiagency Coordination Centers
_____ Identifies resource shortages and issues.	C. EOC/Multiagency Coordination Entities



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Visual Description: Knowledge Review



Notes

NRP Reference
Not Applicable

Instructions: Match the function to the correct type of NRP Structure.

Function	NRP Structure
_____ Prioritizes distribution of resources across multiple incident locations.	A. Incident Command
_____ Directs on-scene response activities.	B. EOC/Multiagency Coordination Centers
_____ Identifies resource shortages and issues.	C. EOC/Multiagency Coordination Entities


Additional Notes:



Visual 3.7

NRP Coordinating Structures: Overview

<p><u>Federal Response Plan</u></p> <p><u>Field Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Emergency Ops Center (EOC) ▪ State Emergency Ops Center (EOC) ▪ Disaster Field Office (DFO) <p><u>Regional Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Operations Center (ROC) <p><u>National Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Support Team (EST) ▪ Catastrophic Disaster Response Group (CDRG) 	<p><u>National Response Plan</u></p> <p><u>Field Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Emergency Ops Center (EOC) ▪ State Emergency Ops Center (EOC) ▪ Joint Field Office (JFO) <p><u>Regional Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) <p><u>National Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homeland Security Ops Center (HSOC) / National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) ▪ Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG) / Homeland Security Council (HSC) Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)
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Visual Description: NRP Coordinating Structures: Overview



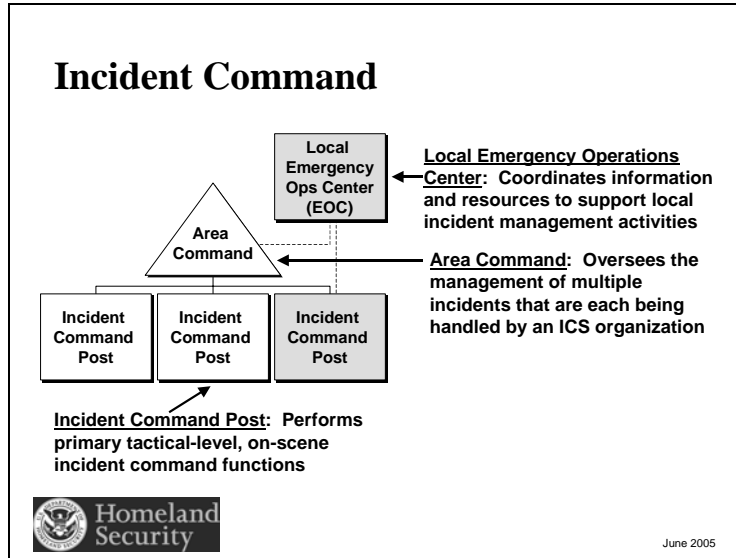
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Pages 22-28

Refer to the side-by-side comparison of the coordination structures presented on the visual. The list on the left shows the coordination structures in the previous Federal Response Plan. On the right are listed the coordinating structures from the National Response Plan.



Visual 3.8



Visual Description: Incident Command



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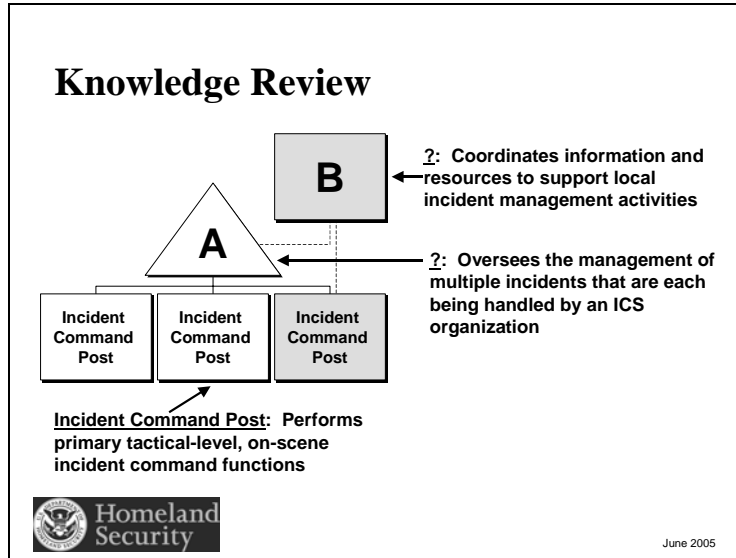
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Pages 17-24

Incident command structures, as described in NIMS, include:

- **Incident Command Post (ICP).** The field location at which the primary tactical-level, on-scene incident command functions are performed.
- **Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC).** The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support local incident management activities normally takes place.
- **Area Command.** An organization established to oversee the management of large or multiple incidents to which several Incident Management Teams have been assigned. Area Command has the responsibility to set overall strategy and priorities, allocate critical resources according to priorities, ensure that incidents are properly managed, and ensure that objectives are met and strategies followed. Area Command may be established at an EOC facility or at some location other than an ICP.



Visual 3.9



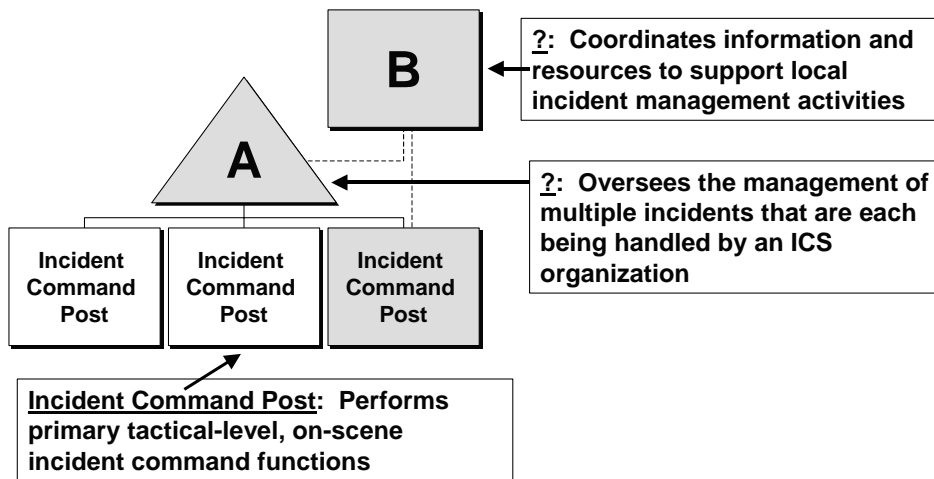
Visual Description: Knowledge Review



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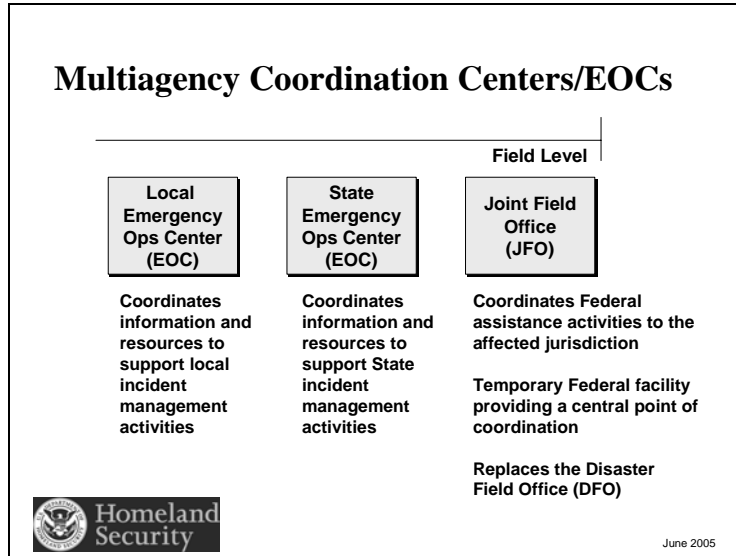
Instructions: Identify the correct titles for the two unlabeled structures in the graphic.



Additional Notes:



Visual 3.10



Visual Description: Multiagency Coordination Centers/EOCs



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NRP Reference
Pages 17-28

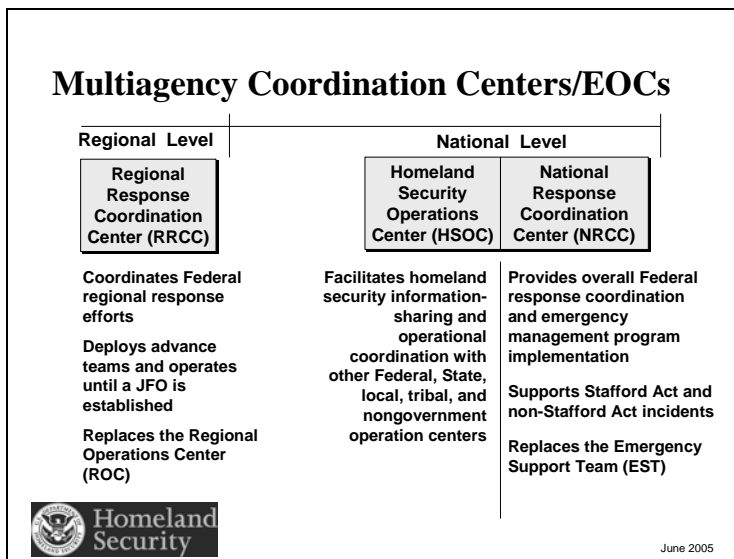
Multiagency coordination centers/EOCs, as defined in NIMS, provide central locations for operational information sharing and resource coordination in support of on-scene efforts.

At the “field level,” the following multiagency coordination centers/EOCs operate:

- **Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC).** The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support local incident management activities normally takes place.
- **State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).** The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support State incident management activities normally takes place.
- **Joint Field Office (JFO).** The JFO is a temporary Federal facility established locally to coordinate operational Federal assistance activities to the affected jurisdiction(s) during Incidents of National Significance. The JFO is a multiagency center that provides a central point of coordination for Federal, State, local, tribal, nongovernmental, and private-sector organizations with primary responsibility for threat response and incident support and coordination. The JFO enables the effective and efficient coordination of Federal incident-related prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery actions. The JFO replaces the Disaster Field Office (DFO) and accommodates all entities (or their designated representatives) essential to incident management, information-sharing, and the delivery of disaster assistance and other support.



Visual 3.11



Visual Description: Multiagency Coordination Centers/EOCs



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NRP Reference
Pages 17-24

At the regional and national levels, the following multiagency coordination centers/EOCs operate:

- **Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC).** The RRCC is a standing facility operated by FEMA that is activated to coordinate regional response efforts, establish Federal priorities, and implement local Federal program support. The RRCC establishes communications with the affected State emergency management agency and the National Response Coordination Center, coordinates deployment of the Emergency Response Team-Advance Element (ERT-A) to field locations, assesses damage information, develops situation reports, and issues initial mission assignments.

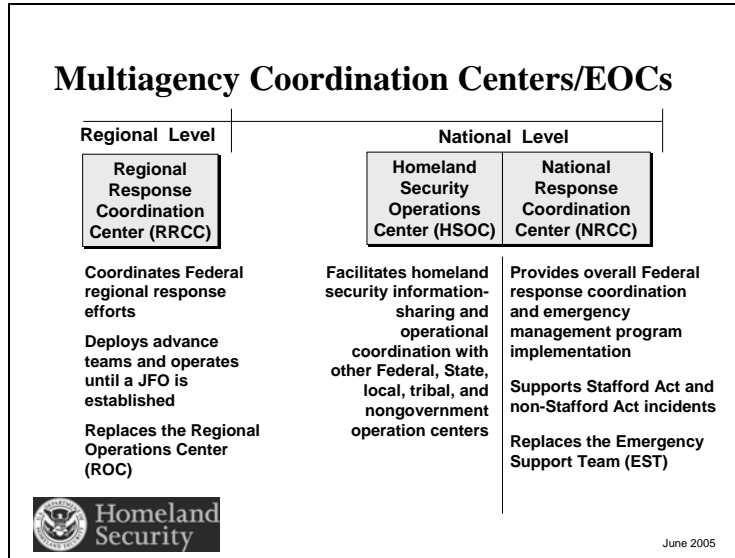
The RRCC operates until a JFO is established in the field and/or the Principal Federal Officer, Federal Coordinating Officer, or Federal Resource Coordinator can assume their NRP coordination responsibilities. The RRCC replaces the Regional Operations Center (ROC).

- **Homeland Security Operations Center (HSOC).** The HSOC is the primary national hub for domestic incident management operational coordination and situational awareness. The HSOC is a standing 24/7 interagency organization fusing law enforcement, national intelligence, emergency response, and private-sector reporting. The HSOC facilitates homeland security **information-sharing and operational coordination** with other Federal, State, local, tribal, and nongovernment EOCs.

The HSOC also coordinates with the **Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC)**. The FBI SIOC is the focal point and operational control center for all Federal intelligence, law enforcement, and investigative law enforcement activities related to domestic terrorist incidents or credible threats, including leading attribution investigations. The SIOC maintains direct connectivity with the HSOC and IIMG. The SIOC, located at FBI Headquarters, supports the FBI's mission in leading efforts of the law enforcement community to detect, prevent, preempt, and disrupt terrorist attacks against the United States.



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Visual Description: Multiagency Coordination Centers/EOCs



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 17-24

- **National Response Coordination Center (NRCC).** The NRCC is a multiagency center that provides overall Federal **response coordination** for Incidents of National Significance and emergency management program implementation (including both Stafford Act and non-Stafford Act incidents) for the entire Nation. FEMA maintains the NRCC as a functional component of the HSOC in support of incident management operations. The NRCC replaces the Emergency Support Team (EST).





Visual 3.12

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

I work analyzing and coordinating information from law enforcement, intelligence, emergency responders, and private-sector organizations at a national level. Where do I work?



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**Notes**

NRP Reference
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Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

I work analyzing and coordinating information from law enforcement, intelligence, emergency responders, and private-sector organizations at a national level. Where do I work?

Additional Notes:





Visual 3.13

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

What is the temporary facility used in an Incident of National Significance to coordinate the overall **Federal** support to the incident command structure?



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**Notes**

NRP Reference
Not Applicable

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

What is the temporary facility used in an Incident of National Significance to coordinate the overall **Federal** support to the incident command structure?

Additional Notes:





Visual 3.14

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

_____ provides overall Federal response coordination for Incidents of National Significance and emergency management program implementation (including both Stafford Act and non-Stafford Act incidents) for the entire Nation.



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**Notes**

NRP Reference
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Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

_____ provides overall Federal response coordination for Incidents of National Significance and emergency management program implementation (including both Stafford Act and non-Stafford Act incidents) for the entire Nation.

Additional Notes:





Visual 3.15

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

I work in Denver and would help deploy an advance team that would operate until a Joint Field Office (JFO) is established. Which NRP organizational structure do I work in?



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**Notes**

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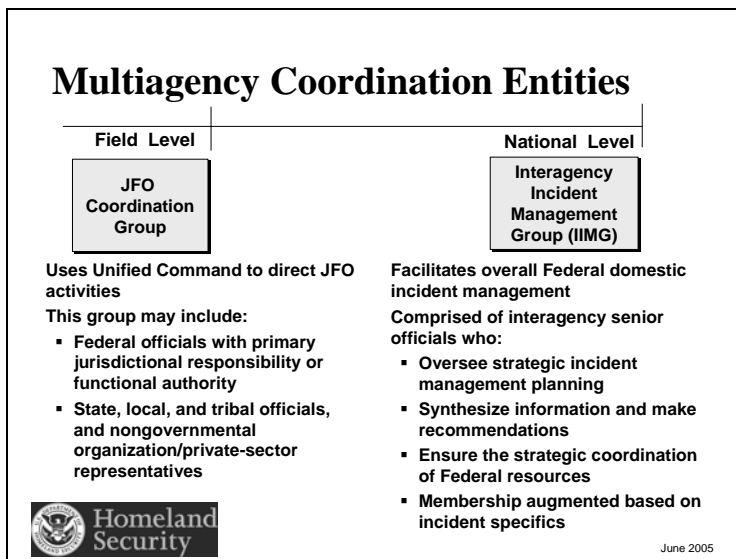
Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Center being described.

I work in Denver and would help deploy an advance team that would operate until a Joint Field Office (JFO) is established. Which NRP organizational structure do I work in?

Additional Notes:



Visual 3.16



Visual Description: Multiagency Coordination Entities



Notes

NRP Reference
Pages 22 & 33

Multiagency coordination entities aid in establishing priorities among the incidents and associated resource allocations, resolving agency policy conflicts, and providing strategic guidance to support incident management activities.

In accordance with NIMS processes, resource and policy issues are addressed at the lowest organizational level practicable. If the issues cannot be resolved at that level, then they are forwarded up to the next level for resolution.

Within the National Response Plan, the two multiagency coordination entities are:

- **Field Level – JFO Coordination Group.** Utilizing the NIMS principle of Unified Command, JFO activities are directed by a JFO Coordination Group, which may include Federal officials with primary jurisdictional responsibility or functional authority for the incident. The JFO Coordination Group also includes a limited number of principal State, local, and tribal officials (such as the State Coordinating Officer), as well as nongovernmental and private-sector representatives. The JFO Coordination Group is a multiagency coordination entity and works jointly to establish priorities among the incidents and associated resource allocations, resolve agency policy issues, and provide strategic guidance to support Federal incident management activities. The exact composition of the JFO is dependent on the nature and magnitude of the incident.
- **National Level – Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG).** The IIMG is a Federal headquarters-level multiagency coordination entity that facilitates Federal domestic incident management for Incidents of National Significance. The Secretary of Homeland Security activates the IIMG based on the nature, severity, magnitude, and complexity of the threat or incident. The Secretary of Homeland Security may activate the IIMG for high-profile, large-scale events that present high-probability targets, such as National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and in heightened threat situations. The IIMG is comprised of senior representatives from DHS components, other Federal departments and agencies, and nongovernmental organizations, as required. The IIMG membership is flexible and can be tailored or task-organized to provide the appropriate subject-matter expertise required for the specific threat or incident. The IIMG expands on the functions performed by the Catastrophic Disaster Response Group (CDRG).





Visual 3.17

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Entity being described.

I am one of several senior Federal agency officials who have been activated by the Secretary of Homeland Security to advise him about a credible terrorist threat. Which NRP organizational structure am I a part of?



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**Notes**

NRP Reference
Not Applicable

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Entity being described.

I am one of several senior Federal agency officials who have been activated by the Secretary of Homeland Security to advise him about a credible terrorist threat. Which NRP organizational structure am I a part of?

Additional Notes:





Visual 3.18

Knowledge Review

Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Entity being described.

I am a State Coordinating Officer. Utilizing the NIMS principle of Unified Command, I work with Federal officials to direct the JFO activities. Which NRP organizational structure am I a part of?



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NRP Reference
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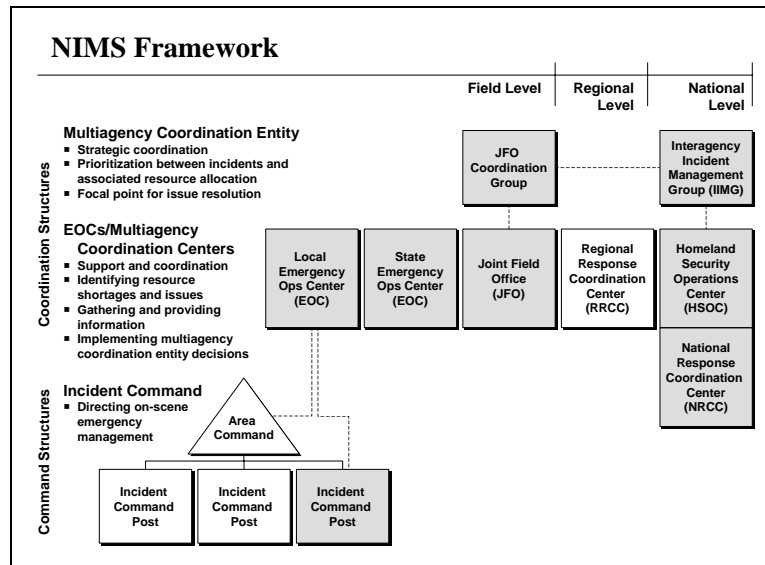
Instructions: Identify the type of Multiagency Coordination Entity being described.

I am a State Coordinating Officer. Utilizing the NIMS principle of Unified Command, I work with Federal officials to direct the JFO activities. Which NRP organizational structure am I a part of?

Additional Notes:



Visual 3.19



Visual Description: NIMS Framework



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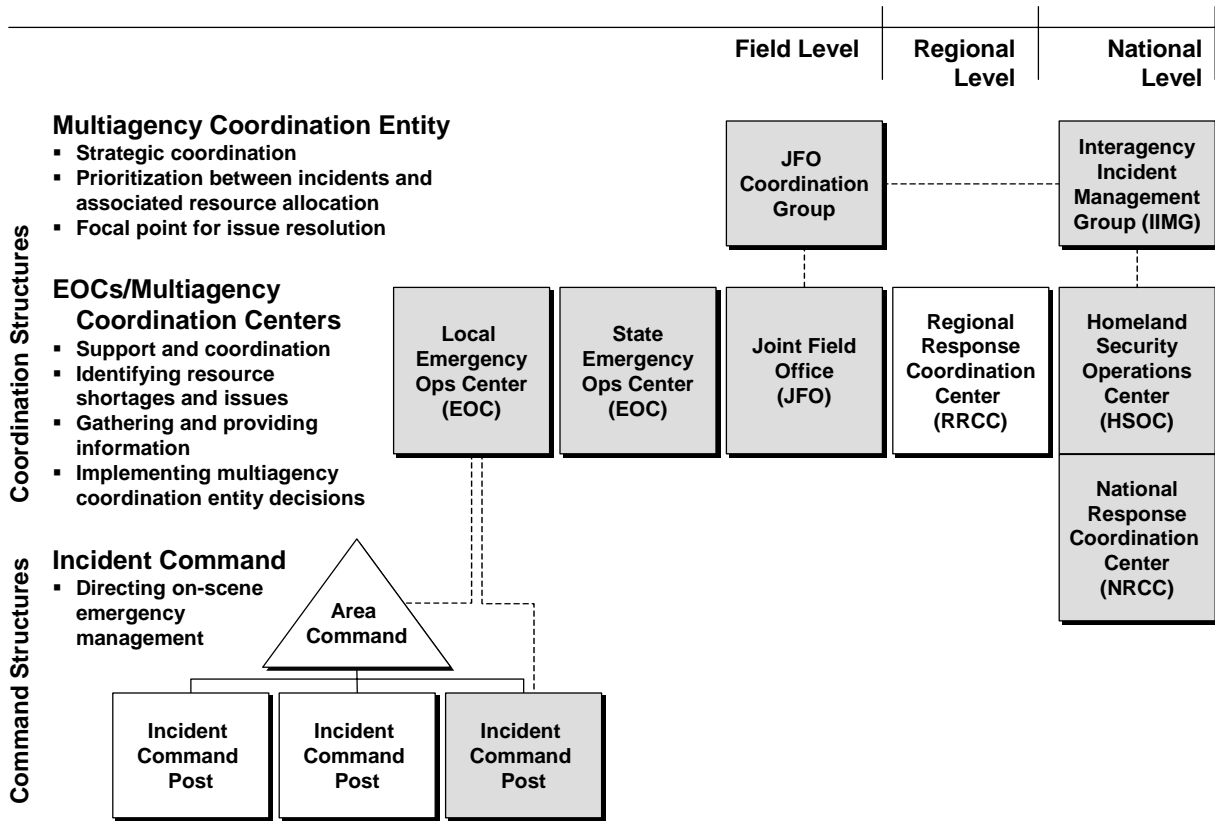
NRP Reference
Pages 19-21

The chart on page 19 of the National Response Plan puts together the command and coordination structures discussed on the previous visuals. (See a larger version of this visual on the next page.)

The National Response Plan includes a framework for the following types of situations:

- Terrorist Incidents
- Federal-to-Federal Support

NIMS Framework





Visual 3.20

Unit Summary

This lesson described the NRP coordinating and command structures used to manage Incidents of National Significance, including the:

- Incident Command Post (ICP)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Homeland Security Operations Center (HSOC)
- Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG)
- National Response Coordination Center (NRCC)
- Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC)
- Joint Field Office (JFO)



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Visual Description: Unit Summary



Notes

NRP Reference
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This lesson described the NRP coordinating structures used to manage Incidents of National Significance. These coordination and command structures include the:

- Incident Command Post (ICP)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Homeland Security Operations Center (HSOC)
- Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG)
- National Response Coordination Center (NRCC)
- Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC)
- Joint Field Office (JFO)