

Local Emergency Response in Pennsylvania

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First Responder

- ▶ Local and non-governmental (PD, Fire, EMS)
- ▶ Early stages of incident (0 – 48 hours)
- ▶ Goals
 - Life Safety, incident stabilization, property conservation
- ▶ Emergency management, public health, public works, other skilled support services

Local Response

- ▶ City, Township, Borough
- ▶ Fire Department
 - 96.1% Volunteer in PA (2,354)
- ▶ Police Departments
 - 1,088 – Part of local government
- ▶ Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance)
 - 1,100 – majority non-profit

Example of Local Response



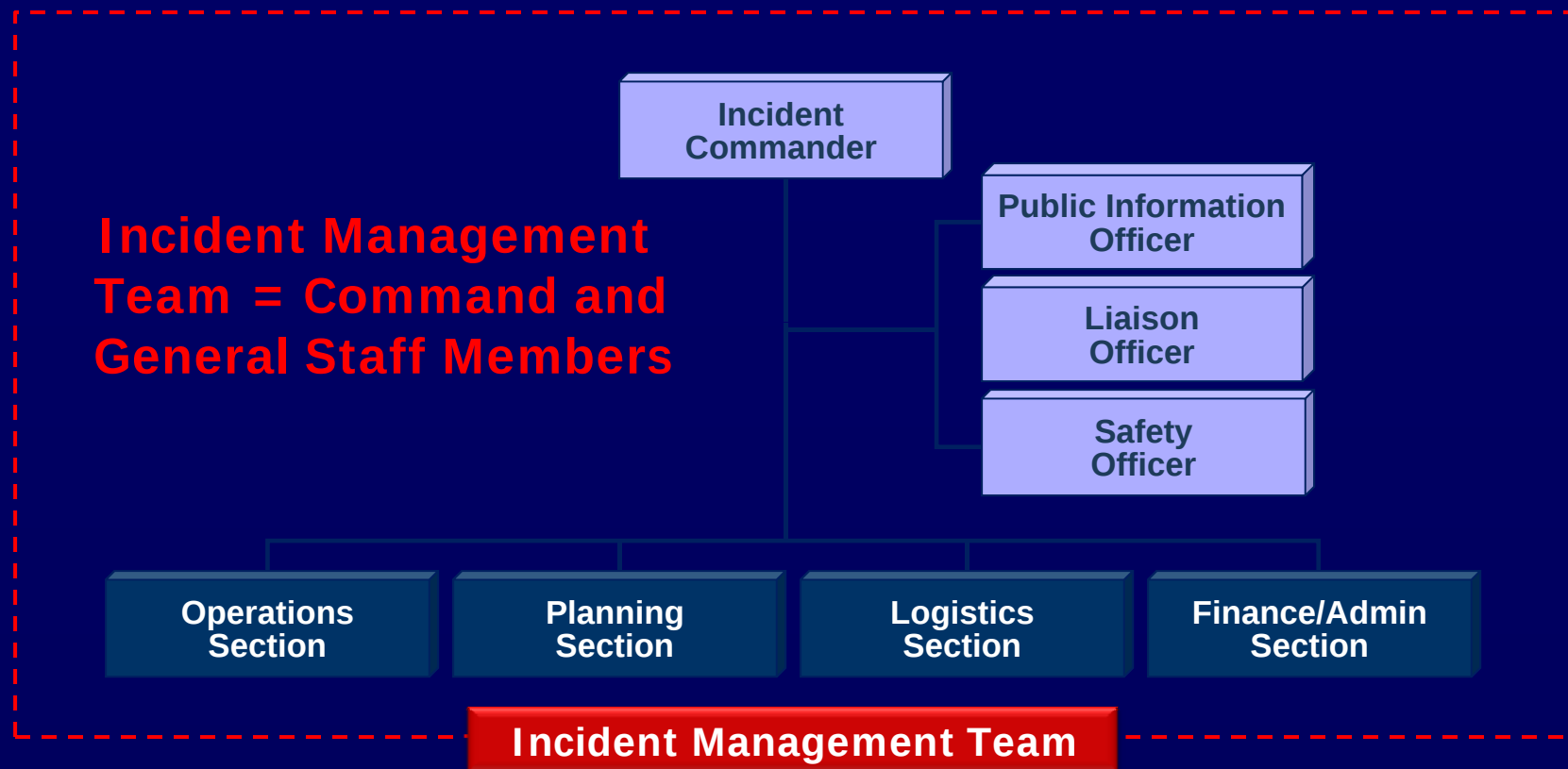
What is a critical incident?

- ▶ Acts of terrorism
- ▶ Fires
- ▶ Hazardous Materials Incident
- ▶ Search and rescue
- ▶ Transportation accident
- ▶ Human Caused or natural disasters

Initial Actions

- ▶ Assessment and Size Up
- ▶ Establish command post
- ▶ Begin Search and Rescue
- ▶ Request Resources
- ▶ Care and Treatment of Victims

Incident Command System



County Response / Coordination

- ▶ Limited response capabilities in PA – 67 Counties
- ▶ Resources needed exceed local capabilities
- ▶ County Emergency Operations Plan



EMA Roles / Responsibilities

- ▶ Initial local response and recovery
- ▶ Coordination of Resources
 - Title 35
 - Emergency Operations Plans
- ▶ County level coordination
- ▶ Develop a common operating picture

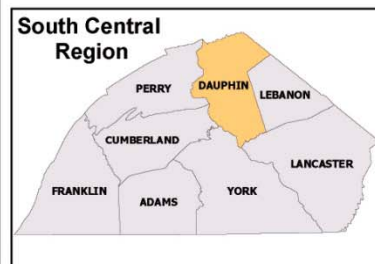
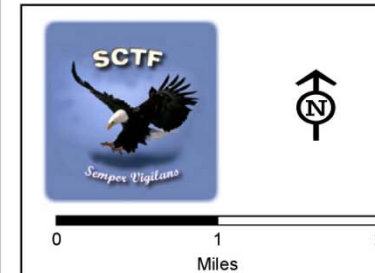
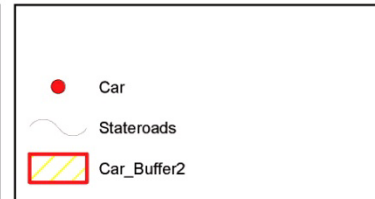
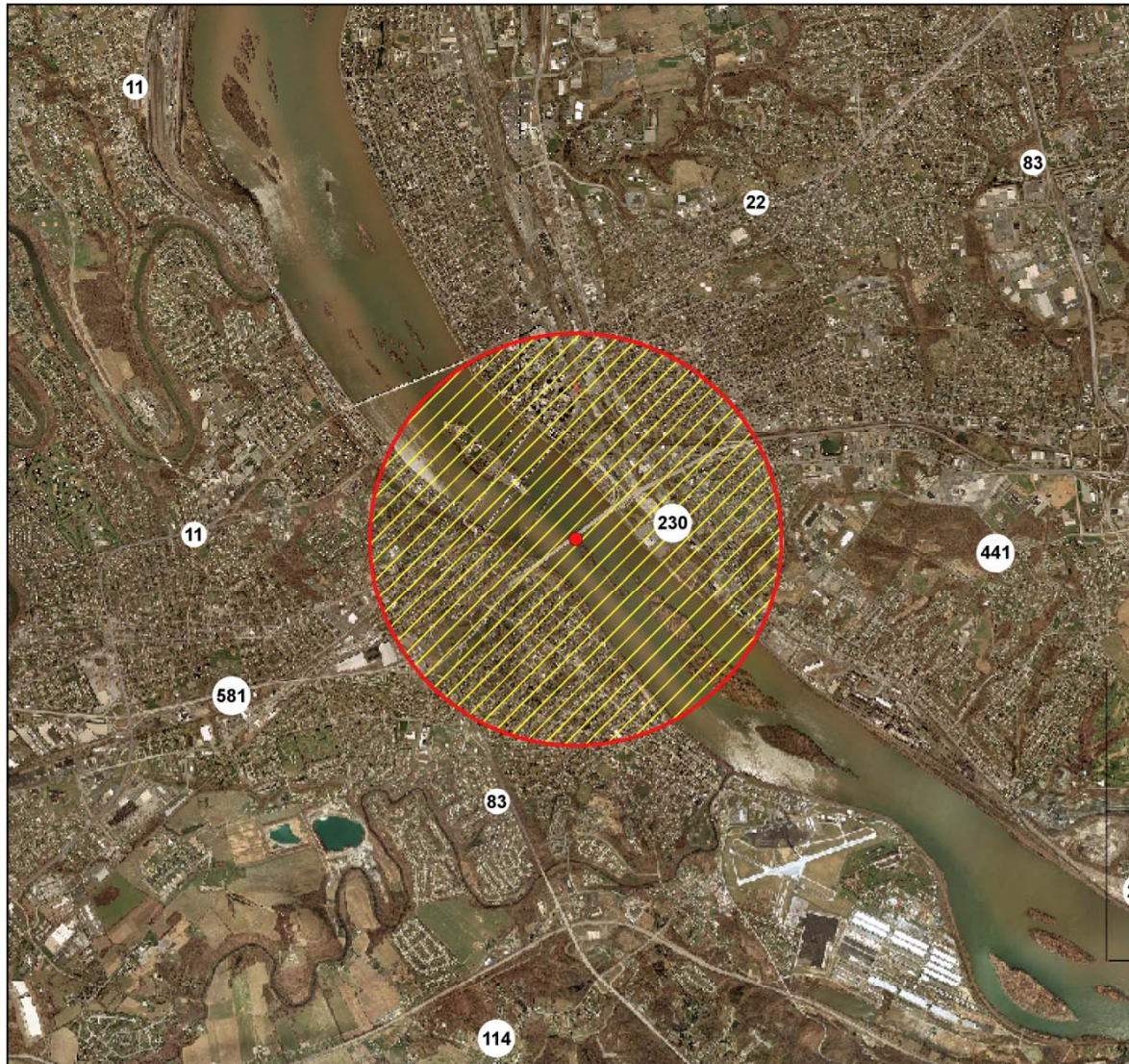
Regional Response

- ▶ Most based on the Regional Task Forces
- ▶ Formed in the mid 90's to coordinate counter-terrorism activities
- ▶ Have evolved into all hazard planning groups.
- ▶ Incident Management Teams

Federal and State Response

- ▶ Multiple Jurisdictions
- ▶ Multiple Counties
- ▶ Multiple States
- ▶ National Response Framework

Dauphin County - Bridge Blast



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