

Region 9 Army MARS Training Topics for “on-the-air” use

TRAINING TOPIC – Region 9 Incident Command System

LESSON INTENT – Develop an understanding of how to develop a sequence of events when involved in a COMEX or real emergency.

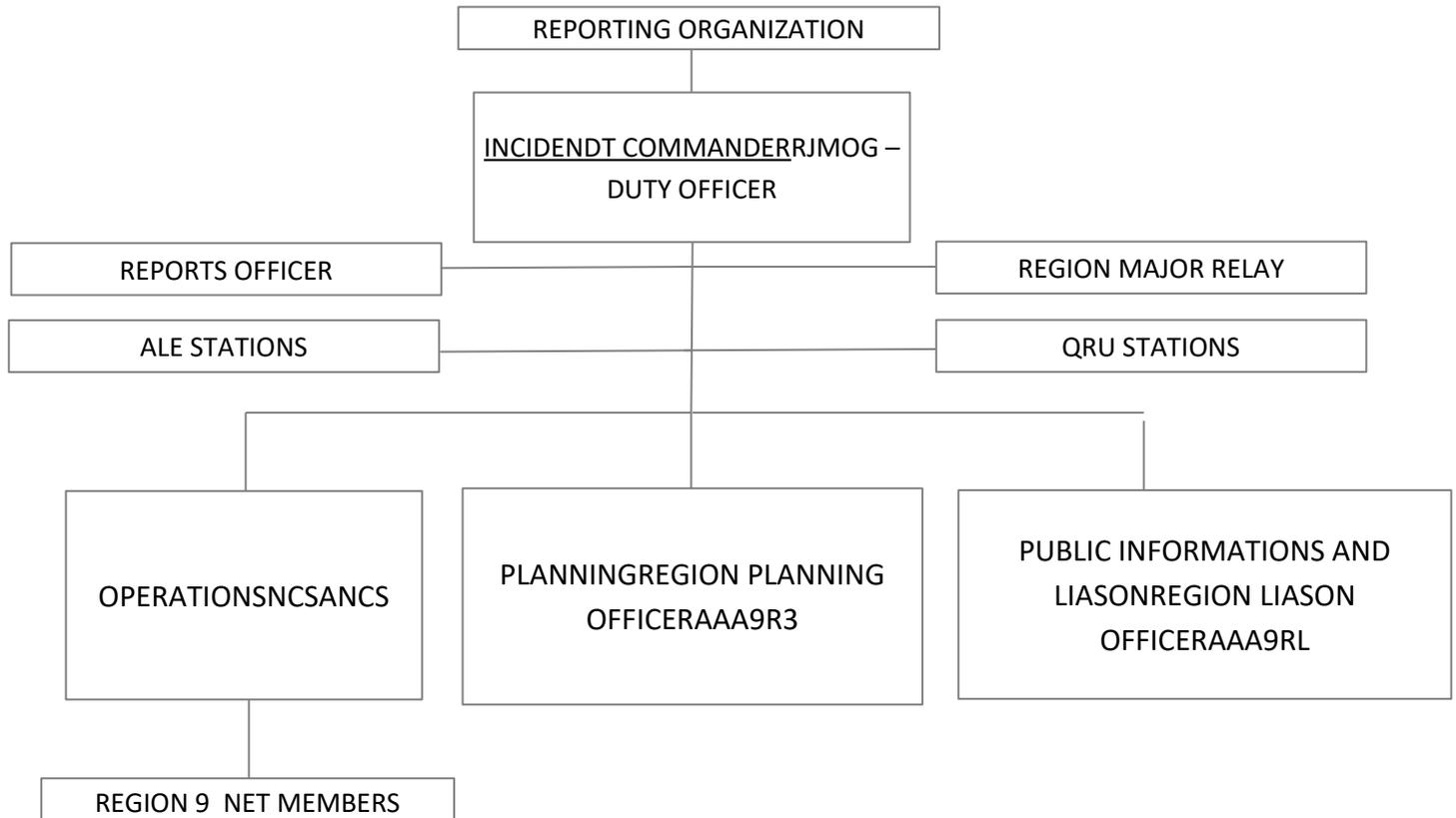
REFERENCES – IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System - AM -6 ANNEX B-3

EXPECTED TIME TO DELIVER – 55 Minutes

CONTENT OUTLINE & KEY POINTS –

- Diagram
- Sequence of Events
- Leadership Positions Descriptions

** This is my recommended Diagram based on past requirements for providing better opportunities for organization and the ability to receive and have messages available to all members.*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Receive WARNORDER/OPORDER from HQ

- Review Sustained Network Operations Document.
- Region Staff has briefing concerning any operations issues.
- Region Operations Officer develops an overview of upcoming event.
- Region Operations Officer and RJMOG members issue a Region OPORDER .
 - RJMOG Duty Officer provides information over viewing event process and assignments.
 - On the start day of the event capture any messages pertinent to the operation.
 - Open a Region Net, on the best frequency available for the time of day, for the purpose building an incident organization and making available, to all net members, all received message/s.
 - Continue Net Operations according to the schedule listed in the Sustained Network Operations Document. [AM -6 ANNEX B-3] providing reports as necessary to comply with requests that were outlined in the WARNORDER/OPORDER, past requests from other exercises, or RI/s that are sent from HQ.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS DESCRIPTIONS

REGION DIRECTOR: Provide overall guidance, and Ensure training is conducted.

REGION RJMOG OPERATIONS OFFICER

- i. Designate and Schedule NCS Stations, Reports Officers, QRU Holding Reports Officers, ALE, and Minor Relay Stations

NET CONTROL - NET M9B

- i. Upon assuming Net Control, refer to published schedules in AM 6 ANNEX B and make a net call to open the net and as necessary determine if a Reports Officer, ALE Stations, and QRU Holding Reports Officer are already on duty. Assign a ANCS, and Establish a Net Roster to be published to net members on a regular schedule. Accept any traffic from net members.
- ii. If no Reports Officer, QRU HRO/s, and ALE on duty but one is scheduled, contact that station/s and direct it to assume there assigned duty/s.
- iii. If no Reports Officer or QRU Reports Officer, or ALE is on duty and none is scheduled, or if the scheduled stations are unreachable, assign another willing and capable station/s to assume Reports Officer and QRU Reports Officer, or ALE duty and provide that station with any available report tasking messages.
- iv. Route all RI messages or other Operations Orders (OPORD/s) requiring information gathering and reporting to the duty RO.

- v. Direct stations to gather and report back information needed for reports by appropriate means, such as contact with Amateur Radio stations, monitoring of information broadcasts, etc.
- vi. Route all station reports of information relevant to pending reports to the Reports Officer by voice or data. Sensitive information such as casualty information will be handled digitally-and encrypted. Locations identified by FIPS or ICAO codes will not be described in plain language.
- vii. Route reports from the Reports Officer to a Minor Relay or other stations, such as assigned ALE Stations, capable of forwarding the report to its destination such. Reports will be transmitted digitally in ACP-127 format, with the message body in the format specified in the original RI or OPORD.
- viii. Upon notification that the Reports Officer is securing, contact the oncoming Reports Officer, direct the oncoming RO to assume RO duty, and ensure the on coming RO, HRO/ALE station is in receipt of all necessary information.
- ix. If the M9B net will be closed for a period of time, identify a QRU HRO (as described in the QRU HRO description) who will hold all pending RIs, RRI's and other reporting obligations, check into the net when it reactivates and pass that information to the initial RO on the reconvening net.

REPORTS OFFICER

This is a functional role of Reports Officer, a temporary assignment which may be made in the course of network operations to any CA/NV/AZ Army & Air Force AMARS member willing and capable to perform the following:

- i. Acknowledge assignment as Report Officers (RO) from the RJMOG Duty Officer or Net Control on net M9B.
- ii. Notify Net Control on net M9B when assuming RO duty.
- iii. Report status of activates to Net Control on net M9B hourly, including:
 1. List of reports due to be submitted in the following hour;
 2. List of data items still required for reports to be submitted in the following hour (locations should be identified by FIPS, ICAO or other approved codes only and should not be described in plain language); and,
 3. List of reports to be submitted in the future but not in the coming hour.
- iv. Accept items of information from other stations via net M9B.
- v. Compile items of information into properly formatted Response to Request for Information (RRI), WXOBS, County Status or GENADMIN messages in accordance with instructions received from higher headquarters.

HOLDING REPORTS OFFICER – QRU STATION

During periods of Sustained Network Operations (SNOP) the M9B there will be a station/s assigned, to any CA/NV/AZ Army & Air Force AMARS member willing and capable to perform the following, to another frequency, as QRU Holding Reports Officer (QRU HRO), who will:

- i. Be available from the activation of the Sustained Network Operations (SNOP) until it is deactivated to receive, hold and make QRU services available to net members to pickup and send messages that will be available to RO and other members.

ALE Station/s

Volunteer stations with ALE capability that will be scanning the appropriate frequencies and gathering all messages directed to Region 9.

- i. Forwarding them to the NCS for distribution to net members.
- ii. Act as relay to other ALE stations for the purpose of moving message traffic to all areas in Region 9.
- iii. Forwarding messages to the Minor Relay.
- iv. Provide QRU Services to other ALE stations.
- v. May also be assigned the position of Region Minor Relay Station.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

- i. Gather information from external sources by contact with Amateur Radio stations, mass media monitoring, other off-air monitoring and telephone or other direct contact with information sources as real or simulated conditions permit.
- ii. Forward gathered information in concise and appropriate format to the on- duty Reports Officer via AMARS channels.
- iii. Send in an After Action Report at the conclusion of the COMEX/Real Event.