



**Organization  
BERKELEY CERT**



# Purpose of On-Scene Management

- Maintain safety of disaster workers.
- Provide clear leadership and organizational structure.
- Improve effectiveness of rescue efforts.





# Need for CERT Organization

## **Provides:**

- Common terminology that contributes to the effective communication and shared understanding.
- Effective communication among team members.
- A well-defined management structure.
- Accountability.

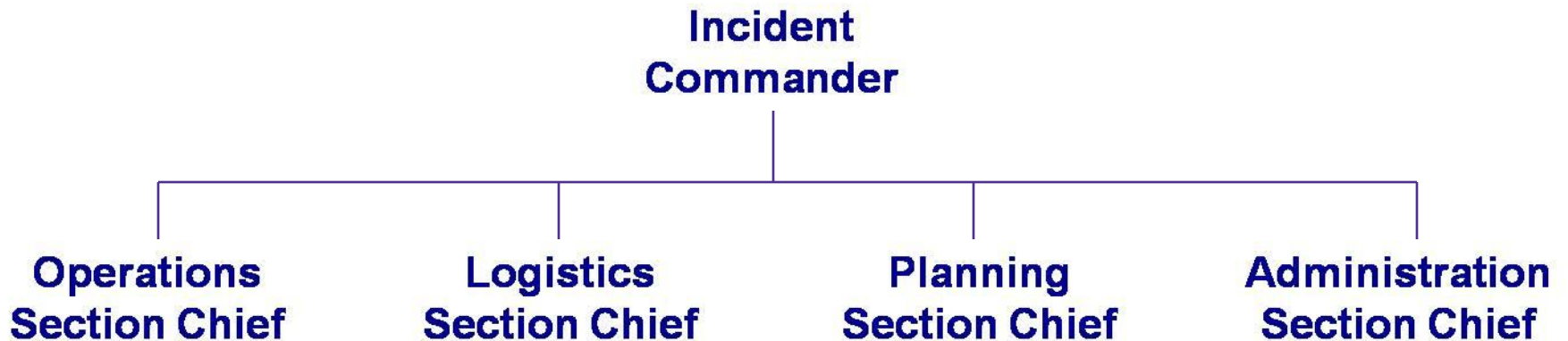
# Objectives of CERT Organization

- Identifies the scope of the incident
- Determines an overall strategy
- Deploys resources
- Documents actions and results

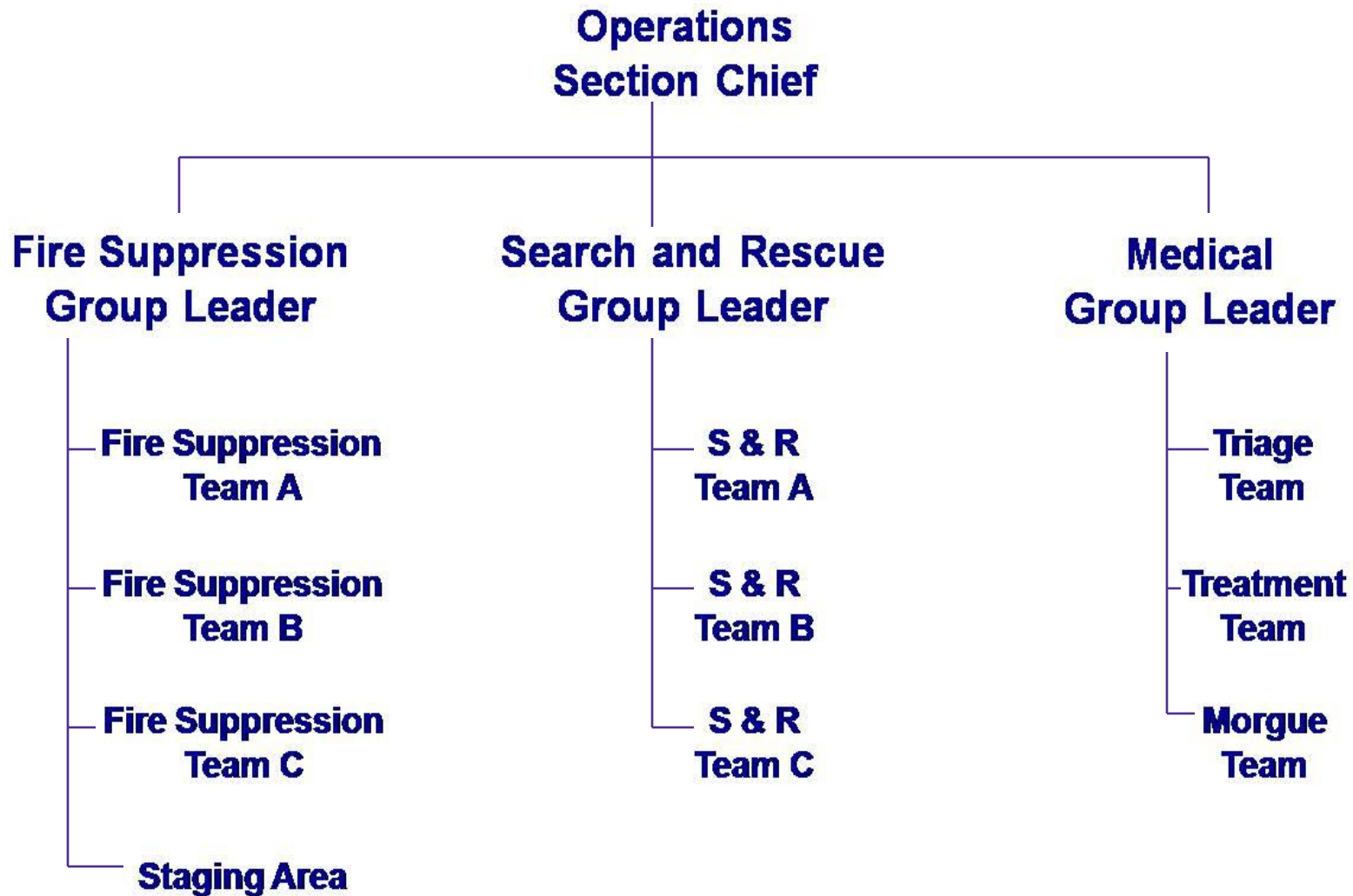


# CERT and the ICS

## Basic ICS Structure



# CERT Command Structure



# CERT Decision-making

- **Heavy damage = No rescue**
- **Moderate damage = Minimize rescuers and time in building**
- **Light damage = Locate, triage, treat, and prioritize victim removal**





# Responsibilities of Documentation

- Provide command post with ongoing information.
- Document incident status:
  - Incident locations
  - Access routes
  - Identified hazards
  - Support locations

The form is titled "POST-INCIDENT STATUS" and contains a table with the following columns: DATE, PERSON RESPONSIBLE, ASSIGNMENT, START TIME, and END TIME. The table has 15 rows for data entry. At the bottom of the form, there is a section for "FOR ALL CERT COMMANDS" with a note: "Record the date, assignment, time, location, and status of all personnel assigned to the incident." There are also fields for "DATE AND TIME" and "OFFICER" at the bottom right.