

RACES Notes 05/23/07

## News and Announcements

### 1) Upcoming Events:

6/2 White Mountain/Showlow Hamfest

7/5 Bisbee Coaster Race

7/6-8 Williams Hamfest

2) APRS Update – Greg Thompson (KC7GNM) has volunteered to provide an APRS update and operations briefing at the June CARA meeting. If you are interested in learning more about the Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS) and how it works, put this on your schedule.

3) Bisbee Coaster Race – Just a reminder that the annual Bisbee Coaster Race will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Bisbee. RB Rice is taking names for volunteers for this annual event. It is a lot of fun so I recommend that you put this on your calendar as well and let RB know if you are available to assist. We typically need 14-15 volunteers to support this event.

### Training:

On the last net we discussed some content from the ICS 300 class. As a recap we mentioned that the ICS 300 course focuses on management of more severe incidents such as Type 3 and usually involves a Unified Command Structure. We also identified what each of the different categories or level of incidents from Type 1 – Type 5 are.

Tonight we will discuss refresh some ICS terminology. We will start out identifying the various organizational levels and titles of the leadership positions for each level. Starting at the top, we have the Incident Command supervised by the Incident Commander (IC). He will usually have a Deputy and normally will work on the alternating operational periods.

From the ICS 100 course you will remember that there are several positions that directly report to the IC designated as Command Staff. These are the Public Information Officer, Safety Officer and Liaison Officers. They may have Assistants to aid them.

Also directly below the IC are the various General Staff positions who direct the various sections that have been established. These are the Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration. These supervisory positions are called Section Chiefs. Their support positions are Deputies.

The next level down are Branches. Branches are supervised by Directors who also qualify for Deputies.

The next level down are Divisions or groups. These are supervised by Supervisors. There is no second in command. The next level down is the Unit. They are supervised by Leaders. The Communications support component is identified as a Unit. That's us.

The next and last level down is the Strike Team or Task Force. They are also supervised by Leaders.

In summary:

Organization level/Title/Support Position

Incident Command/Incident Commander/Deputy

Command Staff/ Officer/Assistant

General Staff (section)/Chief/Deputy

Branch/Director/Deputy

Division/Group/Supervisor/ N/A

Unit/Leader/Manager

Strike Team-Task Force/Leader/Single Resource Boss

Incident Command expands to meet the size of the incident. One rule of thumb to remember is this: Span of control. Folks in supervisory positions should not directly supervise more than three to seven persons. Then it becomes time to expand another level.

The other rule of thumb to remember is the concept of "Unity of Command". This means that no one individual ever reports to more than one supervisor.

That's it for tonight, Let's go down the roster for comments.

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