

ICS and You

Making the Incident Command System work for Emergency Communications



Why do we use ICS?

- ▶ Came from Firescope
- ▶ Federal mandate for all disaster workers
- ▶ It works!

What's required

- ▶ ICS 100: Everyone involved in emergency planning, response, and recovery.
- ▶ ICS 200: Those in ICS supervisory positions
- ▶ ICS 300: Those in supervisory roles in expanding incidents
- ▶ ICS 400: Those in management capacity in area command or multiagency coordination entity
- ▶ E/L 969 - Comm L: Those who desire to serve as a Comm Unit Leader (prereqs: 100/200/300/700/800)

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/nims_training_program.pdf

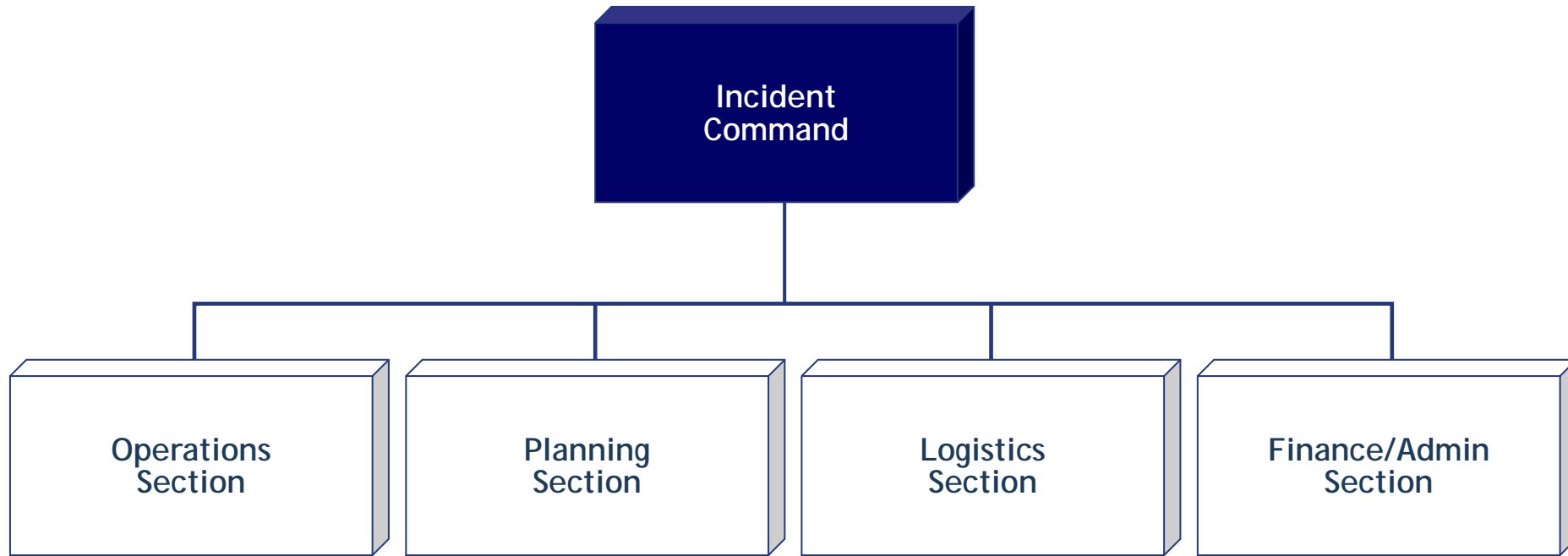
Why do we need ICS in EMCOMM

- ▶ Need to understand the terminology
- ▶ Need to understand and fit into the chain of command
- ▶ Need to be able to integrate wherever we're sent

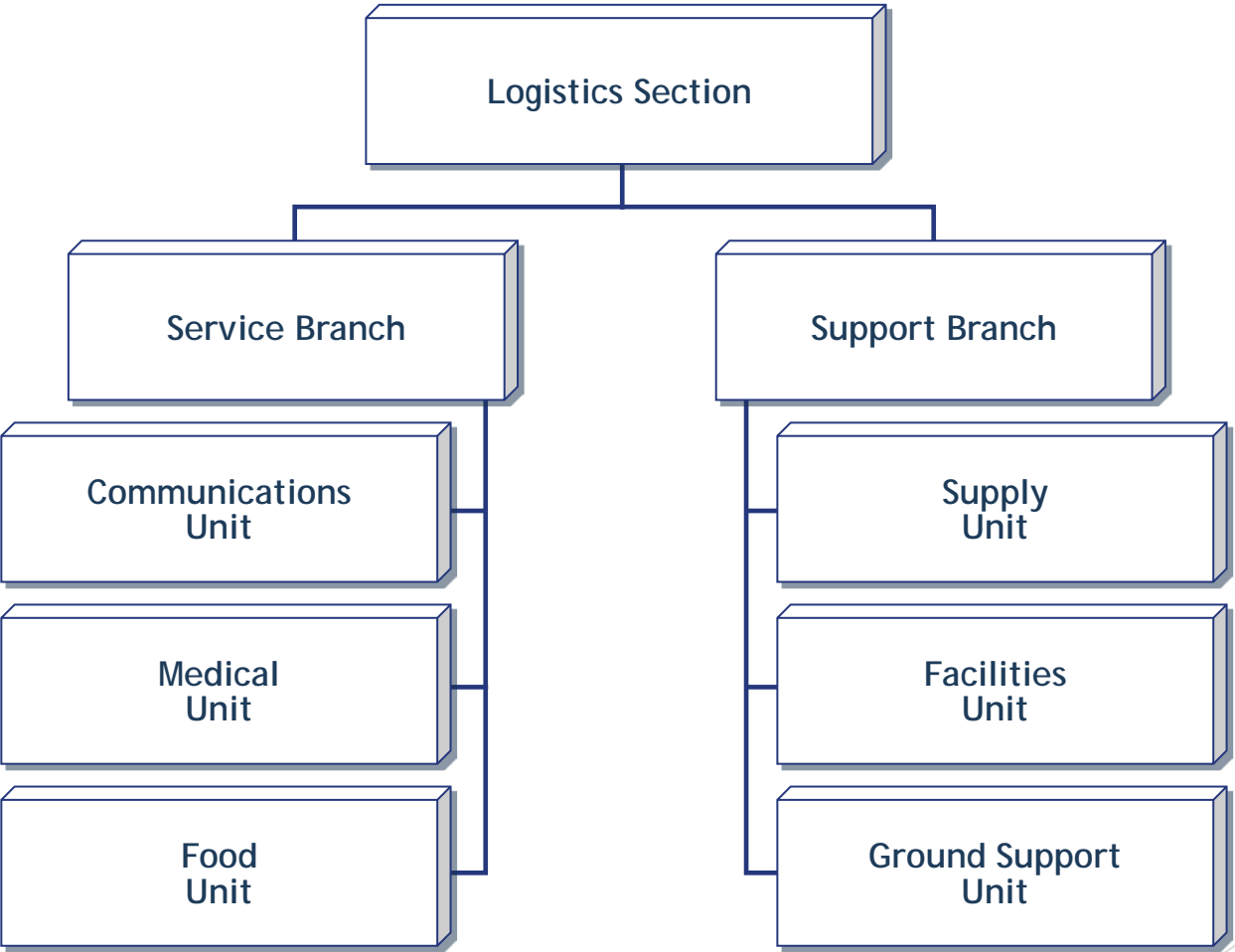
Where might Comms people be found

- ▶ Radio communications
 - ▶ Amateur and public safety
- ▶ Phone banks
- ▶ Social media monitoring and interaction (its just message traffic!)
- ▶ Other ICS positions in the EOC or ICP

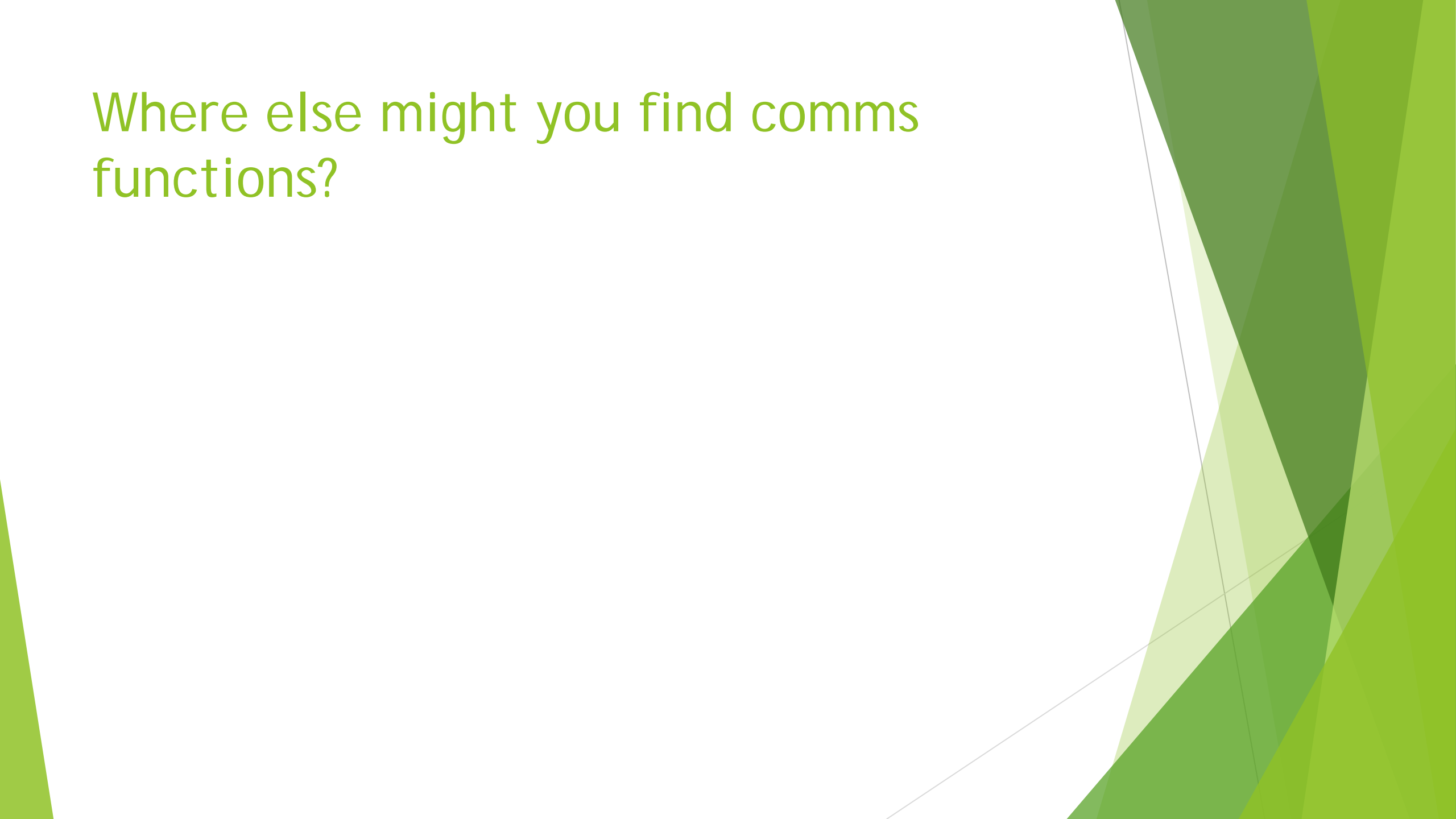
Where does communications fit in ICS?



Incident Comms Live in Logistics



Where else might you find comms functions?



Comms related forms

- ▶ ICS 205 - Incident Radio Communications Plan
- ▶ ICS 205A - Communication List
- ▶ ICS 213 - General Message

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional):		
2. To (Name and Position):		
3. From (Name and Position):		
4. Subject:	5. Date: Date	6. Time HHMM
7. Message:		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: Date	

Putting it in action

- ▶ Activity
 - ▶ Divide into groups
 - ▶ Work through the scenario on the next page

Scenario

The Seahawks won the Super Bowl and they're having a parade! The event is expected to draw 500,000+ people to Seattle. Before the parade, an IAP is being developed. The parade will be held in Seattle, but will involve all needed agencies in Puget Sound.

Question: You have been appointed the COML. With whom would you be consulting and what other communications contingency planning would you do for this type of event?

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