



Coffee Break Training - Emergency Medical Services

Medical Components of the Incident Command System: Medical Branch Director

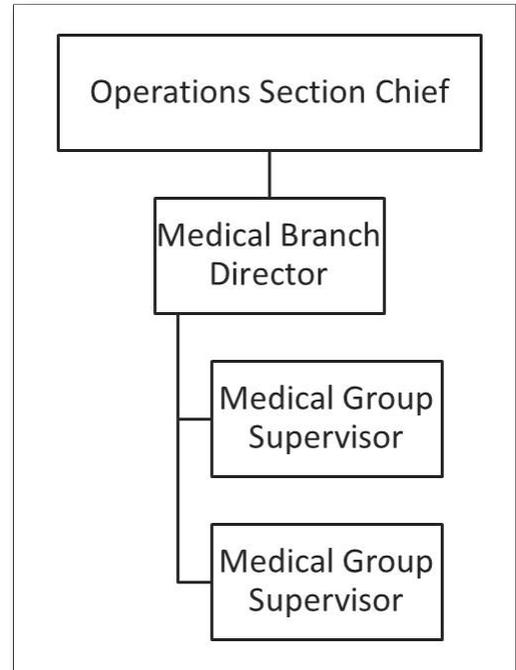
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Learning Objective: The student will be able to understand the Medical Branch Director's responsibilities.

MEDICAL BRANCH DIRECTOR - The Medical Branch Director is responsible for the implementation of the Incident Action Plan within the Medical Branch. The Branch Director reports to the Operations Section Chief and supervises the Medical Group(s) and the Patient Transportation function (Unit or Group). Patient Transportation may be upgraded from a Unit to a Group based on the size and complexity of the incident:

- Review Common Responsibilities (Page 1-2).
- Review Group Assignments for effectiveness of current operations and modify as needed.
- Provide input to Operations Section Chief for the Incident Action Plan.
- Supervise Branch activities and confer with Safety Officer to assure safety of all personnel using effective risk analysis and management techniques.
- Report to Operations Section Chief on Branch activities.
- Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

For additional information regarding the Medical Branch Director's responsibilities, the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Field Operations Guide can be accessed at <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/materials/TRADE%20CD%20XVI//WebHelp/index.htm>.



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