



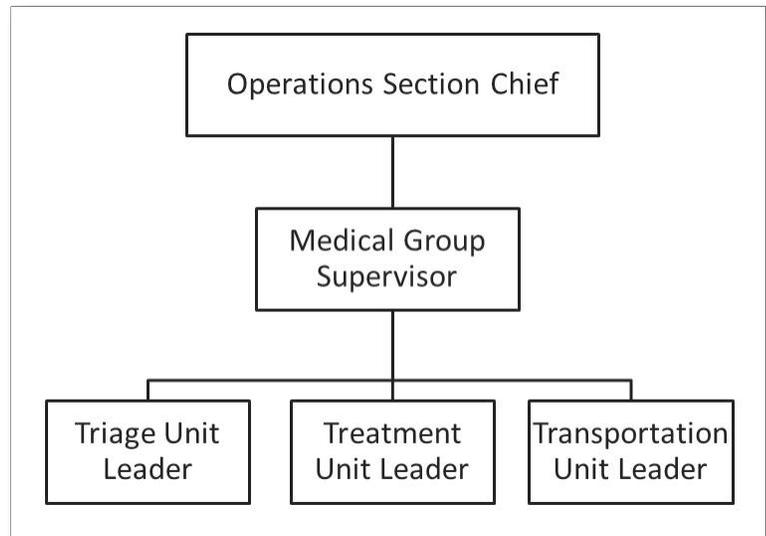
Coffee Break Training - Emergency Medical Services

Medical Components of the Incident Command System: Medical Group Supervisor

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

MEDICAL GROUP SUPERVISOR - The Medical Group Supervisor reports to the Medical Branch Director, Operations Section Chief, or Incident Command (depending on incident complexity and organizational structure) and supervises the Triage Unit Leader, Treatment Unit Leader, Patient Transportation Unit Leader and Medical Supply Coordinator. The Medical Group Supervisor establishes command and controls the activities within a Medical Group:



- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Page 1-2).
- b. Participate in Medical Branch/Operations Section planning activities.
- c. Establish Medical Group with assigned personnel, request additional personnel and resources sufficient to handle the magnitude of the incident.
- d. Designate Unit Leaders and Treatment Area locations as appropriate.
- e. Isolate Morgue and Minor Treatment Area from Immediate and Delayed Treatment Areas.
- f. Request law enforcement/coroner involvement as needed.
- g. Determine amount and types of additional medical resources and supplies needed to handle the magnitude of the incident (medical caches, backboards, litters, and cots).
- h. Ensure activation or notification of hospital alert system, local EMS/health agencies.
- i. Direct and/or supervise on-scene personnel from agencies such as Coroner's Office, Red Cross, law enforcement, ambulance companies, county health agencies, and hospital volunteers when they are assigned to the Medical Group.
- j. Request proper security, traffic control, and access for the Medical Group work areas.
- k. Direct medically trained personnel to the appropriate Unit Leader.
- l. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

For additional information regarding the Medical Group Supervisor'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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