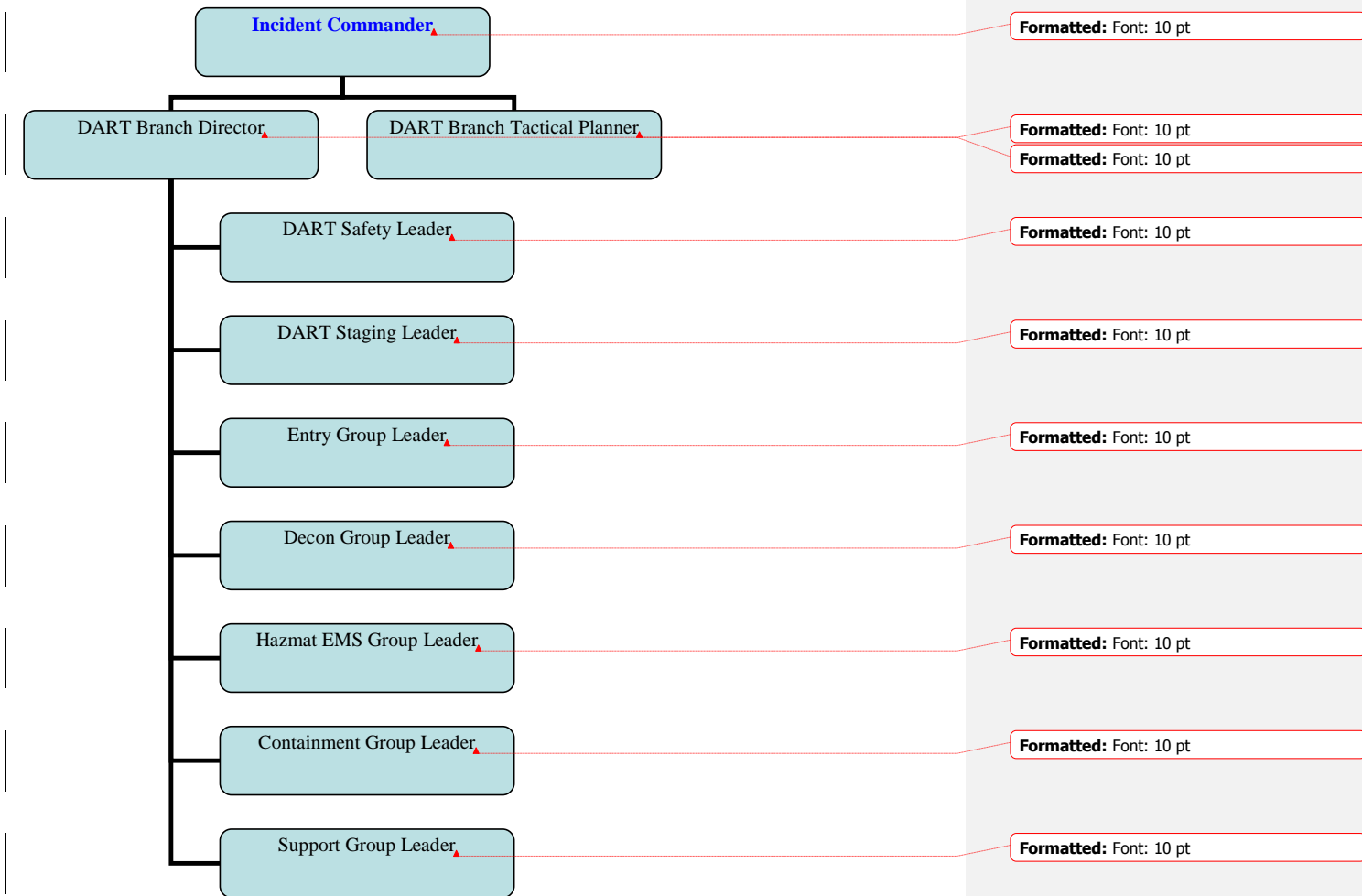


## OPERATIONAL ICS CHART



### Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to incorporate DART utilizing current National Incident Management requirements into a current operational Incident Command System. If training is accomplished by DART in a “common sense” to Hazmat approach for initial response departments, this guide (large DART responses) will only be used in very large/extremely complicated runs (such as Hydrofluoric Acid response). In conforming to National Incident Management principles, DART will be able to respond via mutual aid (provided authority is given to the responding person/equipment to respond by mutual aid) or incorporate mutual aid teams into the existing ICS structure.

## Concerns

The guide nor DART override jurisdictional responsibility and command of the incident. DART in the ICS chart reports to the Incident Commander and **IS NOT** a separate command!

DART does not request resources outside the chain of command per ICS doctrine. These request are considered “Formal Communications” and would need IC approval as it reaches the top of the chain (see below for description of Formal versus Informal communications)



### Formal Communication (2 of 2)

Use formal communication when:

- Receiving and giving work assignments.
- Requesting support or additional resources.
- Reporting progress of assigned tasks.



### Informal Communication

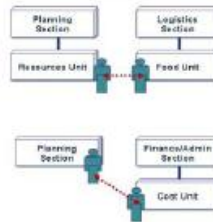
- Is used to exchange incident or event information only.
- Is NOT used for:
  - Formal requests for additional resources.
  - Tasking work assignments.



Within the ICS organization, critical information must flow freely!

### Informal Communication: Examples

- The Food Unit Leader may directly contact the Resources Unit Leader to determine the number of persons requiring feeding.
- The Cost Unit Leader may directly discuss and share information on alternative strategies with the Planning Section Chief.



Many of these positions, even though listed, may be “working positions” as in any fire scene. For example the Decon Group Leader may have a brush in hand working, but would be the point of contact and lead for Decon. Also the Entry Group Leader may need to don a suit at which point the Leader position would be changed to someone on the Entry Team not in a suit.

**Job Title:**

DART Branch Director

**Job Duties:**

The DART Branch Director oversees the overall operations of the Hazmat Branch, implements the phases of the Incident Action Plan dealing with Hazmat Branch operations, assigns resources within the Hazmat Branch and reports on the progress and status to the Incident Commander unless another Operations Section Chief position is assigned.

**Job Qualifications:**

The DART Branch Director must be trained to the current Hazardous Materials Technician level, an active member with an understanding of the operations of the team, as well as experience of running DART operations. Taken up to include ICS 300.

**Job Title:**

DART Branch Tactical Planner

**Job Duties:**

The DART Branch Tactical Planner oversees the information support for the Branch, writes and coordinates the briefing of the Incident Action Plan dealing with Hazmat. Unless filled, the DART BTP keeps track of the Situation (Situation Unit Leader if assigned) and all resources not just those used tactically (Resource Unit Leader). The DART BTP can also write detailed action plans for future issues or as needed to support the DART Branch. A Branch Tactical Planner belongs to the Planning Section, but is assigned to Operations functions. As the "Information Source" the Planning Section can house technical specialist and source weather information.

**Job Qualifications:**

The DART BTP must be trained to the current Hazardous Materials Operations level, an active member with an understanding of the IAP, as well as experience of gathering/displaying information. Taken up to include ICS 300.

**Job Title:**

DART Safety Leader

**Job Duties:**

The DART Safety Leader is responsible for the life safety of the entire Hazmat Branch and reports to the DART Branch Director and liaison with the Incident Safety Officer.

**Job Qualifications:**

The DART Safety Leader must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level and have knowledge of the common safety concerns relating to hazardous materials incidents. Taken up to include ICS 300.

**Job Title:**

DART Staging Leader

**Job Duties:**

The DART Staging Leader is responsible for checking in hazmat branch resources and maintaining accountability for resources assigned to the branch, but not committed to operational activity. The Staging Leader must also assist in resource placement as equipment and personnel are released so the incident does not experience traffic/position problems.

**Job Qualifications:**

The DART Staging Leader must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Operations level and have knowledge of the equipment and personnel needed for hazmat incidents.

**Job Title:**

Entry Group Leader

**Job Duties:**

The Entry Group Leader assists in conducting research and development of the incident action plan, recommends tactical options for rescue and mitigation, implements the tactical components of the action plan within the Hot Zone. The Entry Group Leader reports to the DART Branch Director.

**Job Qualifications:**

This person must be trained to the current Hazardous Materials Technician level.

**Job Title:**

Hazmat EMS Group Leader

**Job Duties:**

The Hazmat EMS Group Leader supervises pre and post entry medical monitoring and emergency medical care for DART personnel in the hot or warm zones. The Hazmat EMS Group Leader reports to the DART Branch Director.

**Job Qualifications:**

This person must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level, Certified by the State of Ohio as a Paramedic, and knowledge of the medications carried and needed for Hazmat EMS.

**Job Title:**

Decon Group Leader

**Job Duties:**

The Decon Group Leader establishes an emergency or technical decontamination area or facility for all potential persons in the hot zone, to include ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients, and/or entry team members. The Decon Group Leader reports to the DART Branch Director.

**Job Qualifications:**

This person must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level and have knowledge of decontamination methods.

**Job Title:**

Containment Group Leader

**Job Duties:**

The Containment Group Leader supervises the containment efforts during an incident. The Containment Group Leader reports to the DART Branch Director.

**Job Qualifications:**

This person must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Operations level and have knowledge of containment methods.

**Job Title:**

Support Group Leader

**Job Duties:**

The Support Group Leader can be used in many different areas of the scene, as in but not limited to, water & air supply, foam operations, rehab, lighting, or any other area where the DART Branch Director designates at an incident. The Support Group Leader reports to the DART Branch Director.

**Job Qualifications:**

This person must be trained to the Hazardous Materials Operations level and have knowledge of all the support groups within DART.