San Diego County Operational Area Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Plan

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RACES Plan Overview

- Plan Development
- Objective
- Plan Scope and highlights
- Future Steps

Development

- UASI Funding FY17-18 for 60K – January, 2018
  - Awarded – May, 2018
- Stakeholder engagement – June – Sept, 2018
  - Provided draft plan and solicited feedback
- Finalized plan – November, 2018
- UDC Review – February, 2019

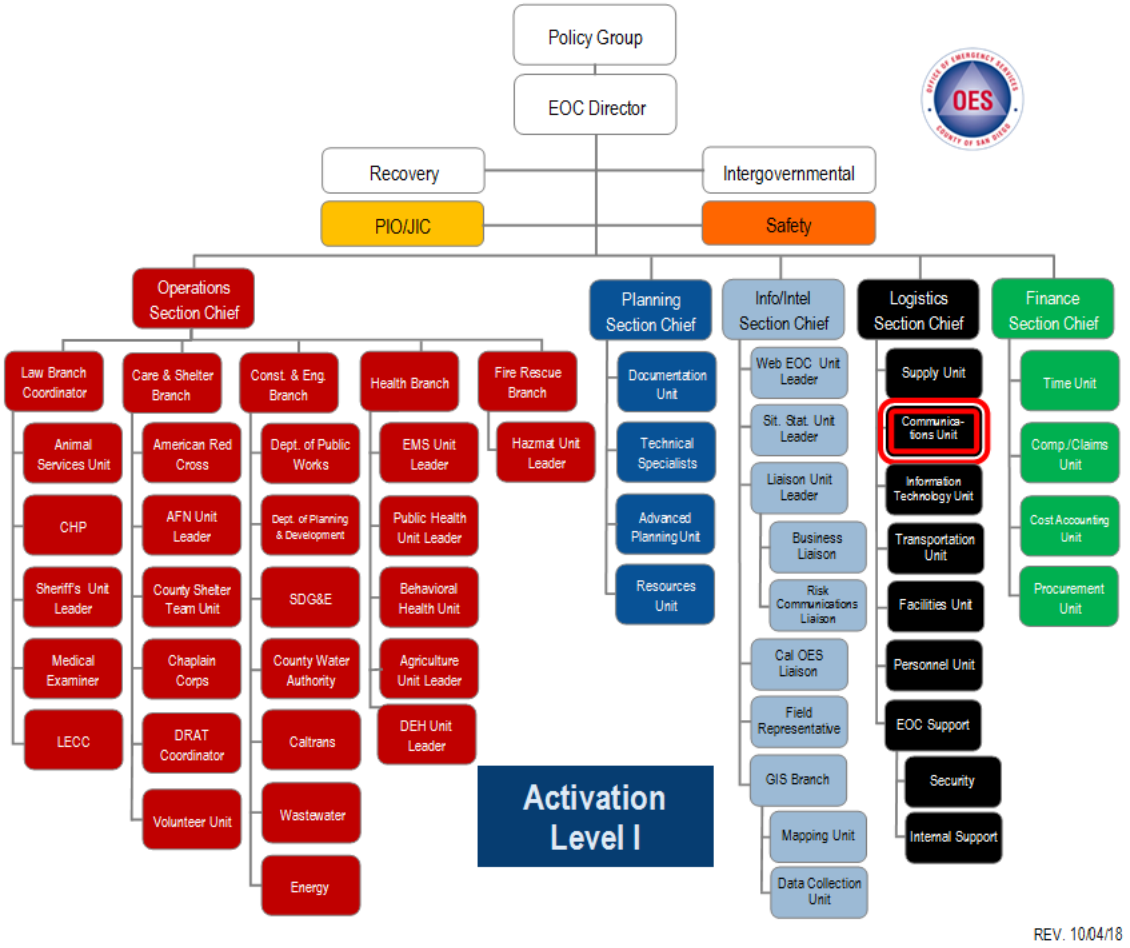
Objective

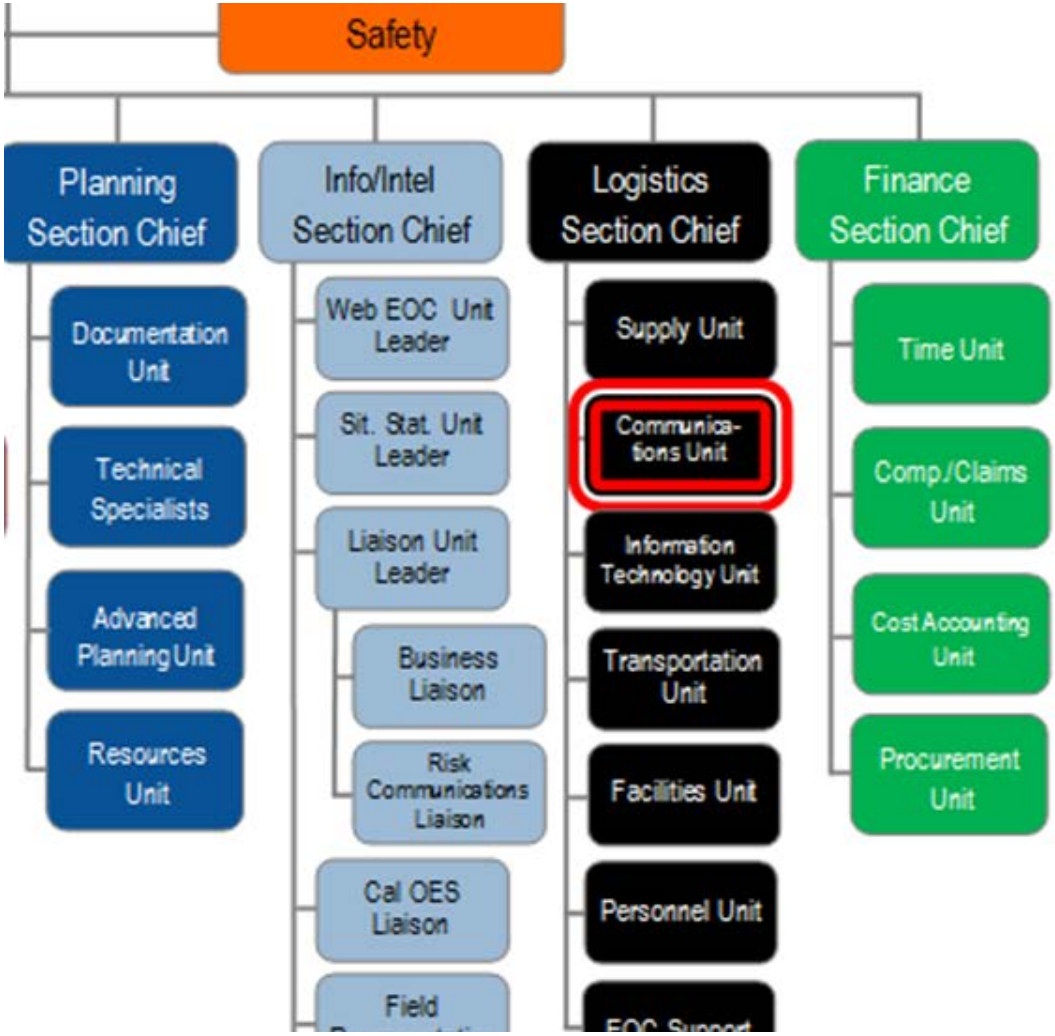
1. Detangle FCC Regulations and DHS Emergency Service Function #2: Communications - for local implementation
2. Present RACES as a function:
   A. RACES vs. ACS
3. Formalize auxiliary communications coordination with jurisdictions

RACES Plan Highlights

- Scope
- Regulations and Policy
- Communication within Standardize Emergency Management System
- Responsibilities
- Activations and Discontinuations
- Criteria for registering stations/amateur radio groups

COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURE / INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

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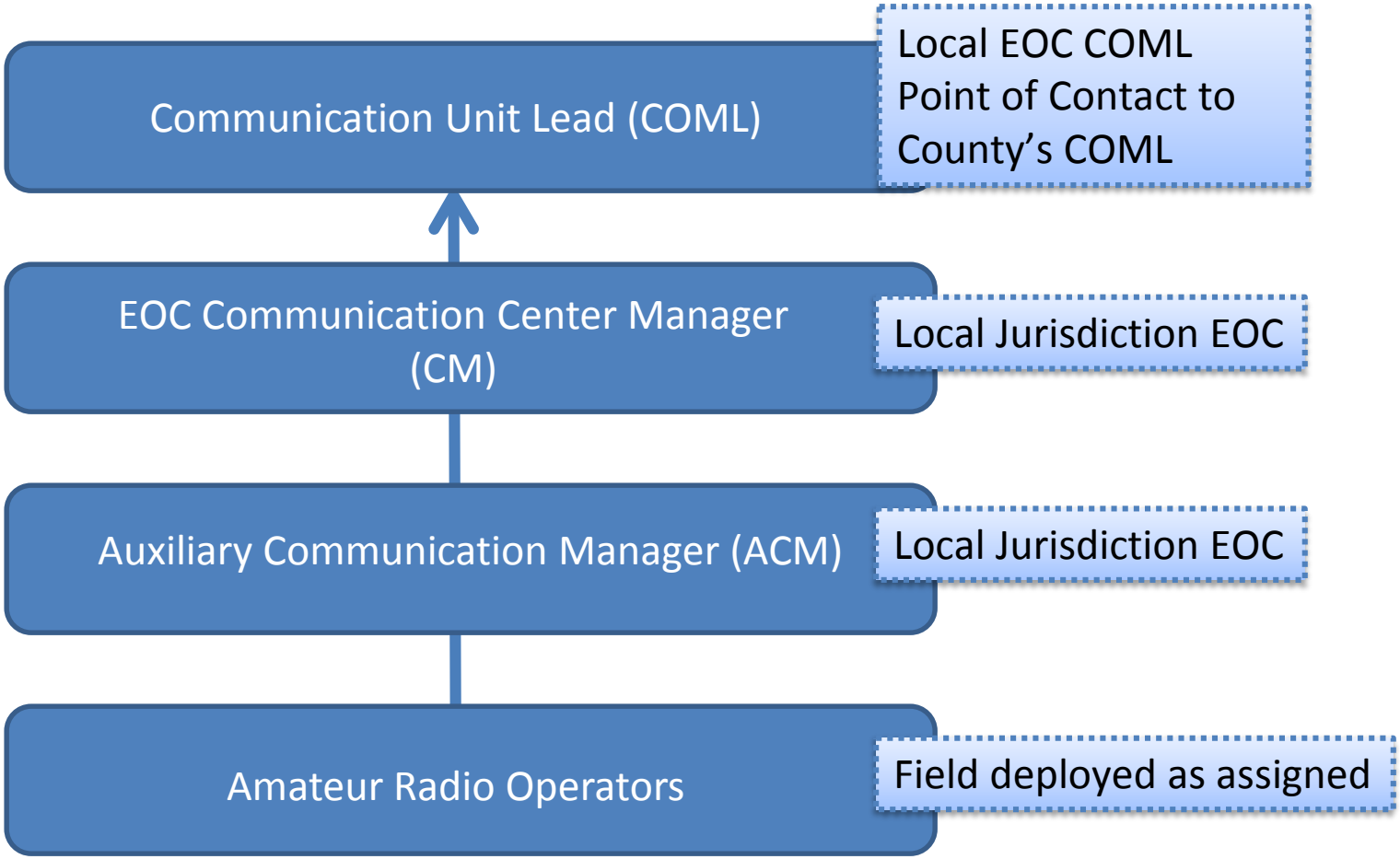
Documentation Unit
Technical Specialists
Advanced Planning Unit
Resources Unit
Info/Intel Section Chief
Web EOC Unit Leader
Sit. Stat. Unit Leader
Liaison Unit Leader
Business Liaison
Risk Communications Liaison
Cal OES Liaison
Field
Logistics Section Chief
Supply Unit
Communica-tions Unit
Information Technology Unit
Transportation Unit
Facilities Unit
Personnel Unit
Finance Section Chief
Time Unit
Comp./Claims Unit
Cost Accounting Unit
Procurement Unit

RACES CHAIN OF COMMAND IN SEMS



RACES Plan Activation

- During a full activation of the County OA EOC
- Upon direction of the County CAO
- Upon direction of the Director of the County OES, or his/her designee, or designee of the County Sheriff's Department.
- At any other time at the discretion of the CAO, the Director of the County OES, or his/her designee when a significant impact to the communications infrastructure is expected or has occurred.

Criteria for Registering

- **Governmental** enrollees consist of amateur radio units that are sponsored through their local jurisdiction operating under the Unified Disaster Council or a County of San Diego department. They should have registered **Disaster Service Worker (DSW)** status or be covered under their jurisdiction as an amateur radio operators with **equivalent** Liability / Workers Compensation **coverage**.
- **Non-governmental** enrollees are **recognized** groups within the County OA who are covered for liability either through their own liability insurance, or through Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) / Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) which provide DSW liability coverage.

Criteria for Registering (cont'd)

- Any unit who wishes to have their amateur radio units perform the RACES function during emergencies must certify that their designated amateur radio operators have completed the following requirements:
  - Completion of the latest versions of the IS 100 / 200 / 700 / 800 courses
  - Possess a valid amateur radio operators license

Future Steps

- UDC Review and Plan approval
- AUXCOMM Training
- Drill and Exercise the plan with local jurisdictions
- Update the plan every 4 years

QUESTIONS?