Management of Complex Investigations

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Anatomy of a Disaster Event

Increasing Time of Involvement (relative)

Increasing Level of Involvement (relative)

Initial Response

Cleanup Remediation

Crisis Management

Skilled Support Personnel

Emergency Response Personnel

General Site Workers

Consequence Management
II. Public Sector Model

- Incident Command
  - Safety Officer
  - Public Information Officer
  - Liaison Officer – Agency Representatives
- Operations Section
- Planning Section
- Logistics Section
- Finance/Administration Section
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- Staging Area(s) Manager

- Fire Suppression Branch
- Medical Branch
- HazMat Branch
- Investigation Branch
- Search and Rescue Branch
- Construction Clean Up Branch
II. Public Sector Model
Chart is function based and does not indicate the number of people that will be required to complete a task.
- Coordinates Scene Safety for those in the Investigation Branch
- Works with the Incident Safety Officer (Manager) to provide a safe work place.
- Safety Briefings and Audits
Coordinates the completion and storage of diagrams completed by the individual search teams as needed.
Public Sector Model

Investigation Branch

Safety Group  Diagram Group  Photography Group  Evidence Group  Scene Search Group  Interview Group  Logistics Group

Coordinates and manages all aspects of photography at the incident scene including cataloging, storage and retrieval systems.
• Coordinates the collection, documentation and storage of evidence collected during the investigation.

• Supplies evidence technicians to each of the Investigation Teams.
Public Sector Model

Investigation Branch

- Safety Group
- Diagram Group
- Photography Group
- Evidence Group
- Scene Search Group
- Interview Group
- Logistics Group

Coordinates both on and off scene interviews and data collection to aid in the investigation process.
• Maintains communication with the Logistics Section to identify and supply resource needs.
• Manages the flow of resources to each of the Groups within this Branch.
B. Private Sector Model

Function Based
Model Expand and Contract

Investigation Manager

Operations Section
Planning Section
Logistics Section
Finance/Administration Section

Safety Manager
Legal & Public Information Liaison Officer – Agency Representatives

Staging Area(s) Manager

Safety Branch
Evidence Branch
Origin & Cause Branch
Construction Clean Up Branch
Security Branch
B. Private Sector Model

Investigation Manager

- Safety Manager
- Legal & Public Information
- Liaison Officer – Agency Representatives

- Operations Section
- Planning Section
- Logistics Section
- Finance/Administration Section

- Staging Area(s) Manager

- Safety Branch
- Evidence Branch
- Origin & Cause Branch
- Construction Clean Up Branch
- Security Branch
- Gather and Analyze information so that everything will be ready the next day and the days following
- Logistics can make or break and investigation.
- Logistics Section provides the resources and services required to support investigation activities.
Private Sector Model

- Tracking Time and Costs.
- Financial Cost Analysis
- Invoicing and Payment
• Responsible for coordinating and managing all of the functions identified in the section and communicating the progress of the incident and needs to the Incident Manager and other Branch Managers.

• Schedules briefings and manages information flow between each of the Branch Managers and Investigation Teams as organized.
Private Sector Model

Investigation Manager

- Safety Manager
- Legal & Public Information
  Liaison Officer – Agency Representatives

Operations Section
- Safety Branch
  - Scene Safety
  - Safety Equipment & Supplies
  - Safety Briefings
  - Safety Audits

Planning Section
- Evidence Branch
  - Collection Documentation
  - Chain of Custody Storage Inspection

Logistics Section
- Origin & Cause Branch

Finance/Administration Section
- Construction Clean Up Branch
- Security Branch
  - Scene Perimeter Entry and Exit Escort
  - General Scene Security
1. Origin & Cause Branch Manager

**Origin & Cause Group Manager**

**Owner’s Investigation Team**
- Investigation
- Scene Search
- Documentation
- Interviews
- ID Evidence

**Interested Party Investigation Team**
- Investigation
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