# **NRP** Overview

Principal Federal Officials, Joint Field Offices, & Domestic Incident Management



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#### **The Mandate**

Homeland Security Act of 2002 and HSPD-5 required a comprehensive national approach to domestic incident management through the development of a National Response Plan (NRP) and National Incident Management System (NIMS).

- NIMS: Standardizes incident management processes, protocols, and procedures for use by all responders
- NRP: Establishes . . .
  - Federal coordination structures/mechanisms
  - Direction for incorporation of existing plans
  - Consistent approach to managing incidents



### National Response Plan (NRP)

- Builds on what works from previous plans and incident response
- Forges new approaches and mechanisms to address today's threats
- Addresses the complete spectrum of incident management activities
- Uses the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to establish a framework for coordination among Federal, State, local, tribal, nongovernmental, and private-sector organizations
- Implemented in April 2005



### **NRP** Applicability

The NRP applies to all Federal departments and agencies that may be requested to provide assistance in Incidents of National Significance including:



Major disasters, emergencies, and terrorist incidents including <u>threats</u>



Other events requiring Department of Homeland Security (DHS) assistance

The NRP provides one way of doing business for <u>both</u> Stafford Act and non-Stafford Act incidents



# **Concept of Operations**

- Incidents handled at lowest possible organizational level
- DHS receives notification of actual and potential incidents
  - Assesses national implications
  - Determines need for NRP activation
- DHS establishes multiagency coordinating structures which provide single approach for various Federal roles:
  - Direct implementation of Federal authorities
  - Federal support to State, local and tribal governments
  - Federal-to-Federal support
  - Proactive response to catastrophic incidents
- Structures provide national capability
  - Ability to address impacts to the rest of the country, execute immediate nation-wide actions to avert or prepare for subsequent events, and manage multiple incidents



Homeland Security Incidents of National Significance

#### **Principal Federal Official**

- Designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security
- Ensures that incident management efforts are maximized through effective and efficient coordination
- Provides a primary point of contact and situational awareness locally for the Secretary of Homeland Security
- Provides a channel for media and public communications and an interface with appropriate jurisdictional officials





### **Principal Federal Official**

#### The PFO does <u>NOT</u>:

- Become the Incident Commander
- Direct or replace the incident command structure
- Have directive authority over the Senior Federal Law Enforcement Officer (SFLEO), Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), or other Federal and State officials





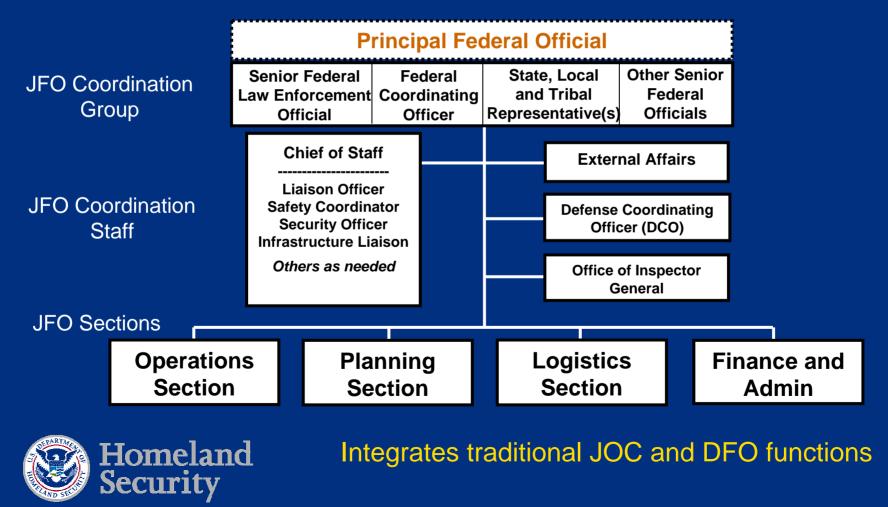
#### **Examples of Recent PFO Designations**

- Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ophelia
- 2005 Presidential Inauguration
- Democratic and Republican National Conventions
- 2004 Orange-alert period in New York City
- National-level exercises such as TOPOFF and Alaska Shield/Northern Edge

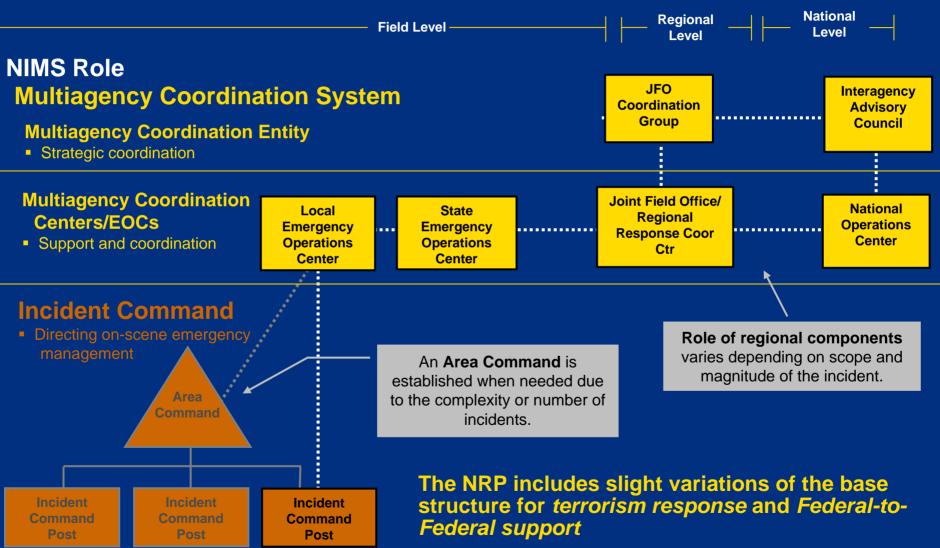


#### **Joint Field Office**

 JFO is the focal point for coordination of Federal support to on-scene incident management efforts



## **NRP** Coordination Structures



# **Emergency Support Functions**

- ESF #1 Transportation\*\*
- ESF #2 Communications
- ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering\*\*
- ESF #4 Firefighting\*\*
- ESF #5 Emergency Management
- ESF #6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF #7 Resource Support
- ESF #8 Public Health and Medical Services\*\*
- ESF #9 Urban Search and Rescue\*\*
- ESF #10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response \*
- ESF #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #12 Energy
- ESF #13 Public Safety and Security\*\*
- ESF #14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF #15 External Affairs

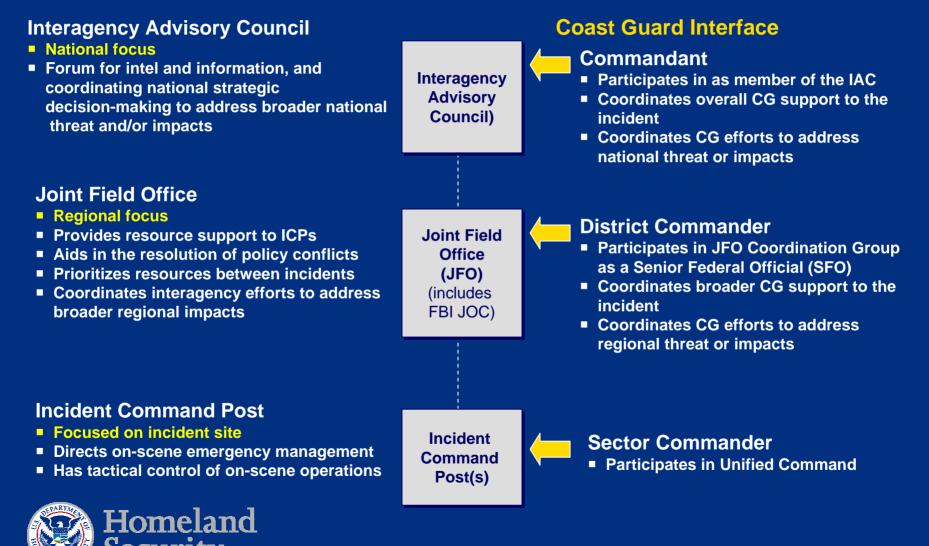


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\*ESFs where the CG is a Primary Agency

\*\*ESFs where the CG is a Supporting Agency

#### Coordination Structures – Coast Guard Interface



## **NRP** Related Initiatives

- NRP Notice of Change and Quick Reference Guide
- Joint Field Office (JFO) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- JFO Field Operations Guide (FOG)
- Homeland Security Operations Center SOP
- National Response Coordination Center SOP

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