Module I Objectives

- Describe the purpose and scope of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).
- Explain the principles, functions and basic concepts of SEMS.
- Specify the benefits of using the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Describe the five organizational levels of the SEMS.

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)

- System established by California law to standardize response to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agencies.
- SEMS is a proven system of coordination.
- Local governments and state agencies must use SEMS to be eligible for reimbursement of eligible disaster-related costs (CCR, Title 19, §2920, 2925-2930).
Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Multi-Agency / Inter-Agency Coordination
- California Mutual Aid Program
- Operational Area Concept

Incident Command System (ICS)
- Standardization
- Command
- Planning/Organizational Structure
- Facilities and Resources
- Communications/Information Management

Incident Command System (ICS)
- Standardization
  - Common terminology
- Command
  - Establishment and transfer of command
  - Chain of command
  - Unified command
- Planning/Organizational Structure
  - Management by objectives
  - Active Plan (AP)
  - Modular organization
  - Manageable span of control
- Facilities and Resources
  - Comprehensive resource management
  - Incident locations and facilities
- Communications/Information Management
  - Integrated communications
  - Information and intelligence management

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Multi Agency/Inter Agency Coordination

- SEMS brings disparate organizations into a standardized framework.
- Facilitate decisions for overall emergency response activities.

California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement (MMAA)

- Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan
- Search and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan
- Coroner Mutual Aid Plan
- Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan
- Emergency Managers Mutual Aid Plan

California Mutual Aid Regions
Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)
Five Organizational Levels

State
Region
Operational Area
Local
Field

Field
- Carries out tactical decisions and activities in direct response to an incident.

Local Government
- Manage and coordinate the overall emergency response and recovery activities within their jurisdiction.
Operational Area (OA)

- Coordinates information, resources, and decisions among local entities within the Operational Areas.

Region

- Manages and coordinates information and resources among Operational Areas within the mutual aid region and between the OA and the State Level.
- Cal EMA organizes the 6 mutual aid regions into 3 Administrative Regions.

State

- Coordinates State resources in support of needs at other levels.
- Coordinates mutual aid among the regions.
- Coordinates with the federal disaster response system.
State Operations Center (SOC)

Responsibilities include:

- Acting as overall state coordinator in the event of simultaneous multi-regional incidents.
- Providing coordination with and between established statewide mutual aid systems at the state level.
- Coordinating resource requests and resolving priority issues that might arise at the region level.
- Coordinating with FEMA and other federal agencies involved in the implementation of the National Response Framework in California.

Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC)

SEMS Functions
Module I Summary

- SEMS is an established and proven coordination system to support disaster response and recovery in California.
- SEMS is a common system of organization based on five organizational levels that provide support to local response with expansion as required by scope and size of the event.
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