

## IMS Principles

**Functional management** – allowing personnel to perform specific functions – from control to operations, planning and logistics.

**Management by objectives** – objectives are developed through consultation by the Incident Management Team (IMT) and conveyed to all parties concerned.

**Span of control** – setting a practical limit of personnel or resources that one person can successfully manage – ideal 1:5.

**Control** – refers to the overall direction of emergency management activities in an emergency situation – relates to situations and operates horizontally across organisations. Authority for control is established in legislation or in an emergency plan and carries with it the responsibility for tasking other organisations in accordance with the needs of the situation.

**Command** – is the internal direction of the members and resources of an organisation’s roles and tasks by agreement or in accordance with relevant legislation and operates vertically within an organisation.

**Coordination** – refers to the bringing together of organisations and other resources to support an emergency management response. It involves the systematic acquisition and application of resources (organisational, human and equipment) in an emergency situation.

### Functional Roles

<b>Incident Controller</b>	Responsible for overall incident management
<b>Operations</b>	Responsible for implementation of tactical activities for the resolution of a specific incident or event.
<b>Planning</b>	Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collection, evaluation and distribution of information on the current and forecast incident situations;</li> <li>• preparation and distribution of the plans and strategies that are to be used in controlling the incident;</li> <li>• collection and maintenance of information about the resources that are allocated to the incident; and</li> <li>• provision of management support services.</li> </ul>
<b>Logistics</b>	Supports control of the incident through the procurement and maintenance of human and physical resources, facilities, services and materials.

LEVEL 1 INCIDENT



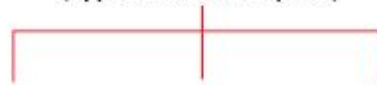
LEVEL 2 & 3 INCIDENT



**INCIDENT CONTROLLER**  
(Retain function or consider appointing if required)

- Operation
- Planning
- Logistics

**INCIDENT CONTROLLER**  
(Appoints roles as required)



PLANNING

OPERATIONS

LOGISTICS

