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## 2000 Command

Refer to Section 2000 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

## 2100 Unified Command - Command Structure

Refer to Section 2002 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### 2100.1 Local Government Representative in the Unified Command

An oil spill in the San Francisco Bay poses significant challenges due to the Bay's unique environmental setting, economic activity and political sensitivity. Local governments require the ability to address operational coordination and policy issues as part of their statutory obligations to protect life, property and the environment.

Should a spill occur in or near the San Francisco Bay, the FOSC shall evaluate the nature and severity of the spill, jurisdictions that may be affected, potential for public involvement, and the need for local agency support. The FOSC may exercise the option to appoint a Local Government On Scene Coordinator (LGOSC) as a member in the Unified Command (see figure 2). Local governments may request appointment of a LGOSC via the SOSC utilizing the coordination procedures outlined under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP).

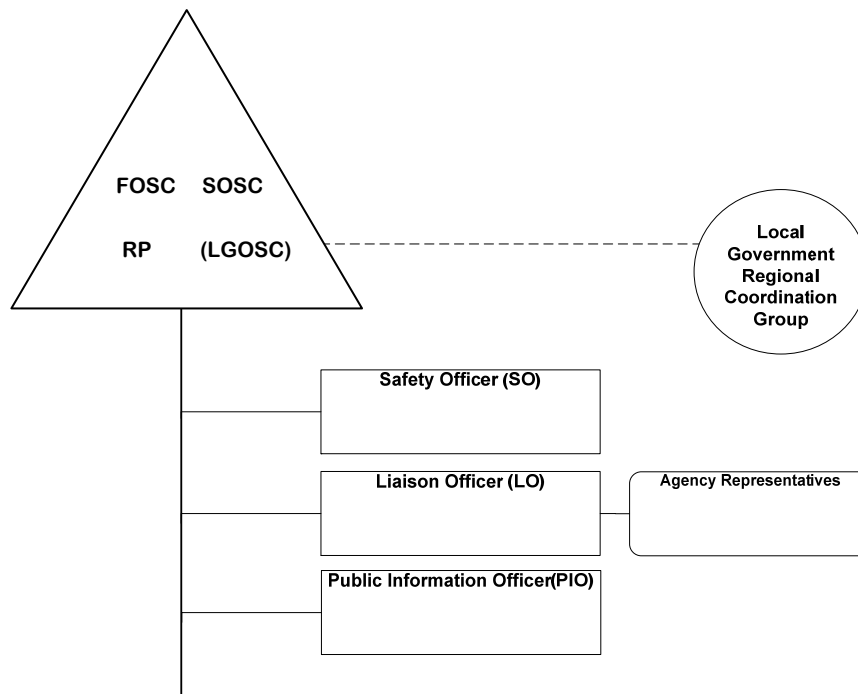


Figure 2 – Local Government On Scene Coordinator as member of UC

Utilizing the procedures outlined in the Bay Area RECP, local governments may establish a Local Government Regional Coordination Group (RCG). The RCG shall nominate a qualified representative from among its member agencies to serve as the LGOSC as part

of the Unified Command. The LGOSC will present the RCG's concerns and viewpoints to the UC, provide the UC with pertinent information on the availability of local resources, and address information distribution, operational coordination and policy issues with the UC.

Agency representatives will continue to operate under the Liaison Officer. Additional local government representatives may serve as needed in the Planning and Operations sections.

The Oil Spill Annex to the Bay Area RECP provides the coordination policies and procedures that support regional response to an oil spill event in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Incorporation of this provision in the Sector San Francisco Area Contingency Plan (ACP) relies upon the authorities and agreements specified in the California State approved San Francisco Bay Area Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) Oil Spill Subsidiary Plan. Final approval authority with regard to the over-arching threshold requirements for the statutory and certification qualifications of the LGOSC residing in UC will rest with the FOSC and the Sector San Francisco Area Committee OSPR Co-Chair.

### **2110 Command Representatives**

Refer to Section 2003 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2120 Guidance for Setting Response Objectives**

Refer to Section 2006 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2130 General Response Priorities**

Refer to Sections 1002.02.8 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

## **2200 Safety**

The Safety Officer (SOFR) is to develop and recommend measures to ensure personnel safety and occupational health of not only response workers, but also the public, and to anticipate, recognize, assess, and control hazardous and unsafe conditions or situations.

While there is only one SOFR for each incident Assistant SOFRs (ASOFs) or Technical Specialists (THSP) shall be ordered as required; such as a Public Health Officer.

Refer to Section 2003.01.3 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2210 Site Characterization**

Refer to Section 4014 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2220 Site Safety Plan**

Refer to Section 2003.01.3(a) of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

## **2300 Information**

See section 2003.01.1 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#) for additional

information.

### **2310 Protocol for Access/Timing of Media Briefings**

See Section 9720.4 of this plan for additional information.

See Section 2003.03 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#) for additional information.

### **2320 Joint Information Center (JIC) Formation**

During a major oil spill where media activity is expected to last several days, the lead Information Officer (IO) should establish a Joint Information Center (JIC) to coordinate the Public Affairs activities of participating agencies and parties. The role of the JIC is to:

- Provide multiple phone lines for incoming calls, staffed by knowledgeable individuals;
- Ensure State and Federal government Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) are available to the media;
- Develop and produce joint news releases under the Unified Command, which must be approved by all members of the Unified Command and provide copies to the Unified Command and each Section of the ICS;
- Schedule, organize, and facilitate news conferences;
- Develop website and social media content and information to keep the public informed;

It is recommended that the JIC be in the same building as the Command Center, but in a room separate from other sections. PAOs need to be close to the UC and other sections for effective communication flow, but not so close as to disturb response operations.

Equipment needs for the JIC vary, dependent on the size and impact of the incident, and media and public interest levels.

If possible, a separate “Press Room” should be established for reporters’ use, at spills that attract a great deal of media interest. This room may be used by reporters covering the story, and would ideally be equipped with several phone lines and electrical outlets, and desks or tables and chairs. There should be a way to display maps, status boards, and other visual aids that could be used on-camera, and a table near the door for the latest news releases, fact sheets, and advisories. If there is room for seating and a podium with PA system, the press room is a good site for all formal news conferences. This allows TV news crews to set-up cameras in advance, and reporters to do stand-ups and call-ins from an easy, central location. See Section 9720.4, Public Affairs Procedures, for suggested equipment needs.

Per Section 2003.01 of the Regional Contingency Plan the JIC is normally staffed with representation from the FOSC, state and local incident command authorities, RP and other agencies in the Unified Command as appropriate.

See section 2003.01 (a) of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#) for additional information.

See section 7 of the [California State Oil Spill Contingency Plan](#) for additional information.

## **2330 Media Contacts**

For local media contacts, contact the 11th District Public Affairs office at 510-772-8865 or Mr. Dan Dewell at 510-437-3937. For Coast Guard PACAREA (Pcp) public affairs contact 510-437-3319/3325 or the PACAREA (Pcp) detachment in Los Angeles at 310-732-7351.

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#### **Bay City News:**

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213-346-0200 fax

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213-580-9898

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## **2400 Liaison**

Refer to Section 2003.01.2 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2410 Investigators**

Refer to Section 2008 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2420 Federal/State/Local Trustees**

Refer to Section 2007 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

### **2430 Agency Reps**

An Agency Rep (AREP) is an individual assigned to an incident from an assisting or cooperating agency. The AREPs report to the LOFR, or to the IC in the absence of a LOFR.

Refer to Section 2007 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

## **2440 Stakeholders**

Refer to Section 2007.05 of the [Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

## **2500 Reserved**

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