

**SAFETY FIRST!**

# Responder Safety









# Safety Awareness: Protect yourself while helping others!









# Employer Responsibilities

- State and local governments are responsible for worker health and safety including:
  - Allocating sufficient resources for safety and health programs
  - Training staff
  - Purchasing protective clothing and equipment as needed
  - Correcting unsafe or unsanitary conditions



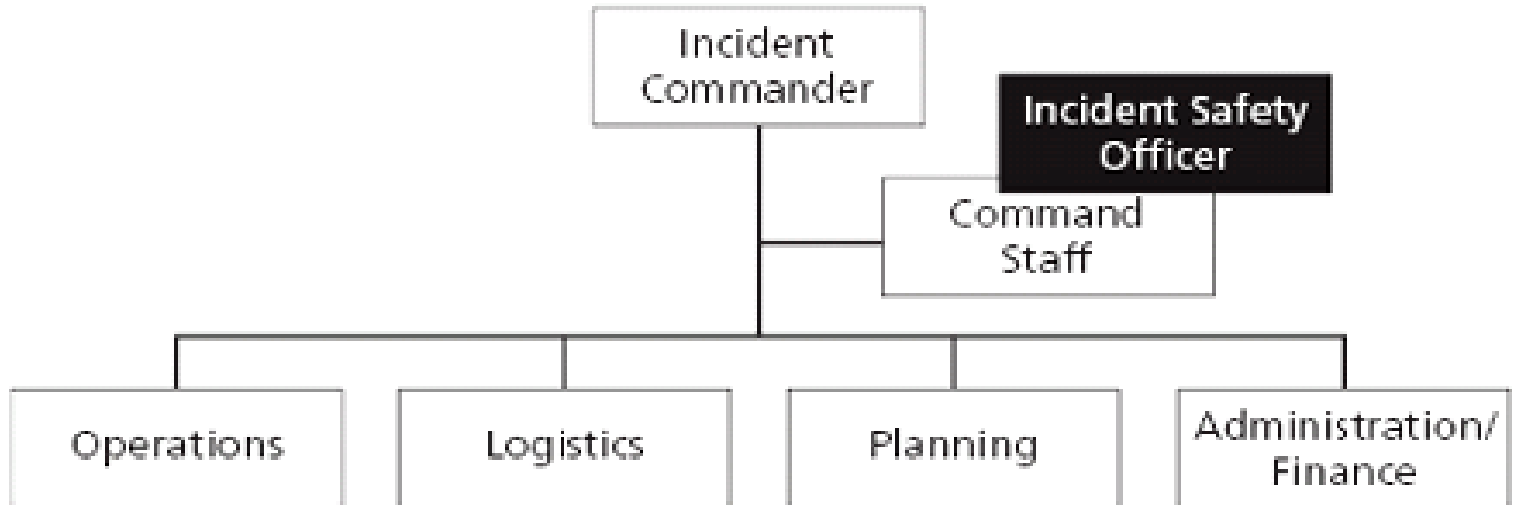




# Safe Responses start with the Safety Officer



- Assures personnel safety and monitors hazardous and unsafe situations
- Safety Officer will not send you into hazardous areas
  - Fire still burning...
- Everyone is a Safety Officer!



# Safety Officer

- DOC Safety Officer
  - Tracking of all staff
  - Ensures areas are safe to access
- Field Safety Officer
  - Reports to the DOC Safety Officer
  - Maintain a health and safety plan
  - Stops unsafe activities





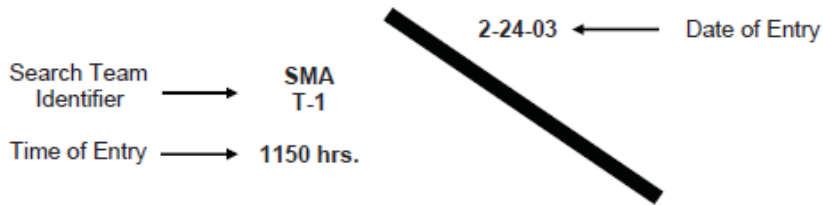


# Communications - USAR

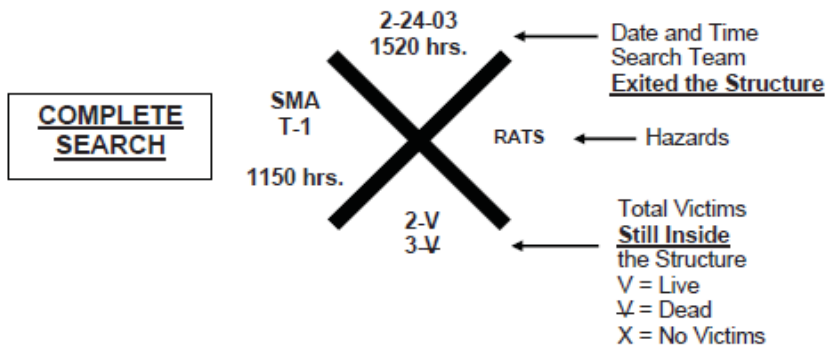


## SEARCH MARKINGS

### Main Entrance Search Marking- WHEN YOU ENTER



### Main Entrance Search Marking- WHEN YOU EXIT















# Power Lines



- Treat all power lines and cables as energized until proven otherwise
- Stay clear of downed electrical lines
- Numerous downed electrical lines after firestorms – Hard to see/hear





















# Animal Bites, Stings, and Aggressive Behavior



- Use insect repellent
- Report displaced wildlife and pets with appropriate personnel
- Be cautious about where you put your hands and feet
- Keep dog treats with you!



# Poisonous Plants



- Poison oak is very common in SD rural areas
- Recognize poisonous plants & stay clear
  - Leaves of 3 leave me be!
- Wear protective clothing
- Wash exposed areas immediately after contact: soap, rubbing alcohol



# Foodborne & Waterborne Illness



- Avoid cross contamination
  - Failed septic systems
  - Backed up, overflowing sewer lines
  - Chemical releases



# Foodborne & Waterborne Illness



- Practice good hand hygiene before eating and drinking
- Assure that your food is from a safe source
- Maintain proper temperatures
  - Keep a cooler for your team
- Drink bottled water



CAUTION - KEEP OUT - CAUTION - KEEP OUT - CAUTION - KEEP OUT - CAUTION - KEEP OUT - CAUTION - KEEP OUT - CAUTION - KEEP OUT





# Finding Human Remains



- If you encounter a body:
  - Act within the scope of your training
  - Call 911 or USAR teams. Inform DOC
  - Do not attempt to move the body
  - Monitor need for emotional support





