

USAR COORDINATION

USAR coordination overview



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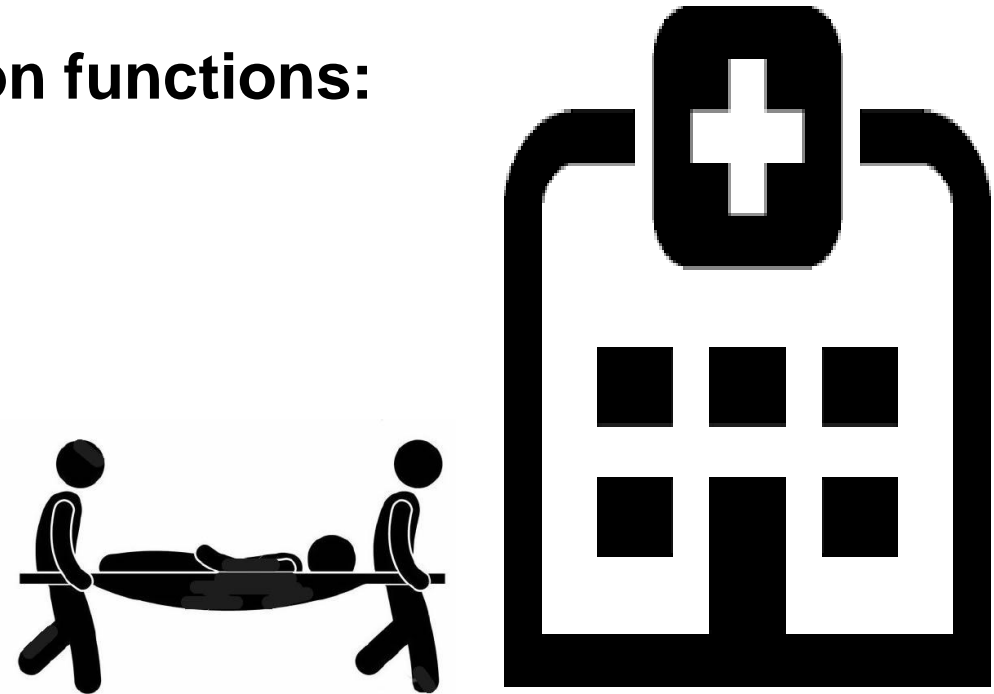
This session will provide:

- An understanding of why coordination is important.
- A broad overview of USAR coordination functions.
- An awareness of expectations for classified teams in relation to coordination.
- Establish Sector Coordination.
- Describe Sector and Work site identification numbers.
- Skills in ASR 1 and ASR 2 operations.
- Skills in initial use of a Operations Management Tool.

Expectations of USAR teams

Establish and/or support USAR coordination functions:

- Reception Departure Centre (RDC)
- USAR Coordination Cell (UCC)
- Sector Coordination Cell (SCC)



Expectations of USAR teams

Depending on the scale and complexity of the incident, teams may be required to supply one of the following to support coordination efforts:



People and
equipment



People
only



Equipment
only



No support
needed

Expectations of USAR teams

Equipment may include:

- Communication equipment
- Registration gear
- Signage
- Self-sufficiency items
- Office supplies

Expectations of USAR teams

Personnel may include:

- 2 or 4 team members
- Trained
- In pairs if possible
- For duration of deployment
- Self sufficiency



Expectations of USAR coordination members

- Work under one system:
 - INSARAG forms and reports
 - Coordination model
 - Information displays
- Communication, diplomacy and negotiation skills
- Able to set up communications




What is coordination?



Coordination saves lives

coordination

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- ★ the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together in an organized way:

Why coordinate?

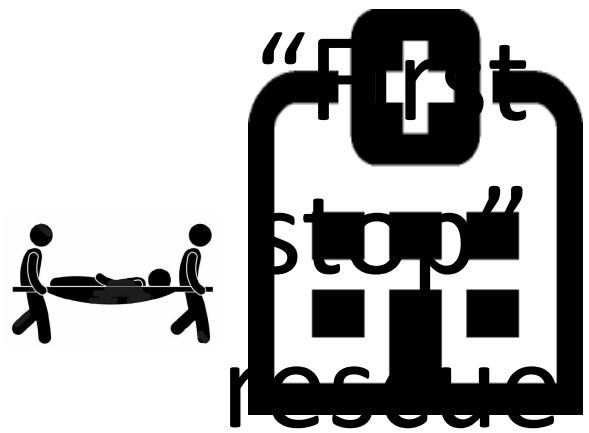
Investing in coordination will deliver bigger dividends during the response phase.



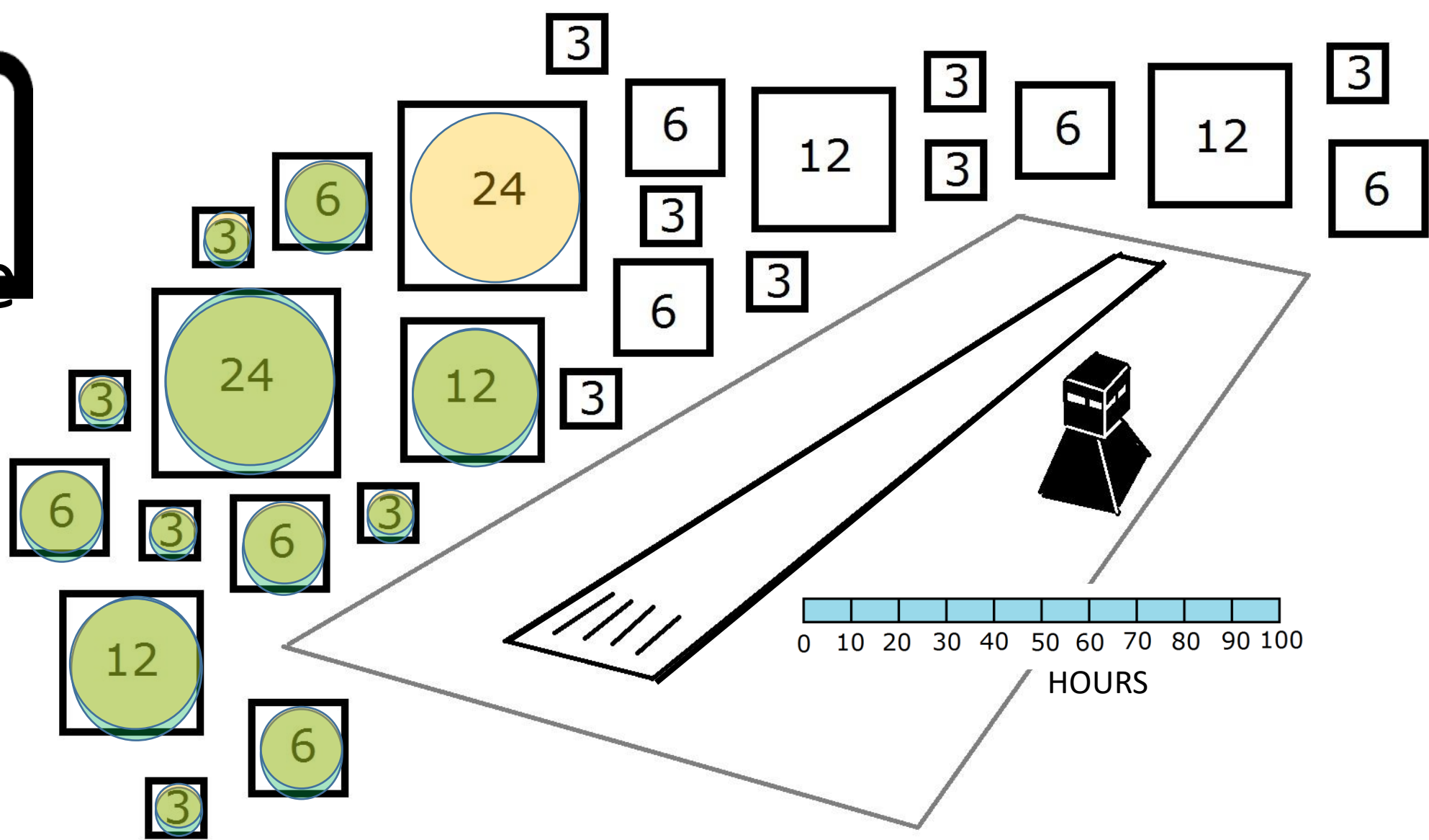
Why coordinate?

If USAR operations are well coordinated, MORE opportunities will be presented for MORE teams to rescue MORE people!


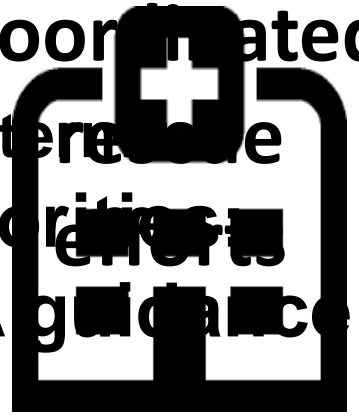




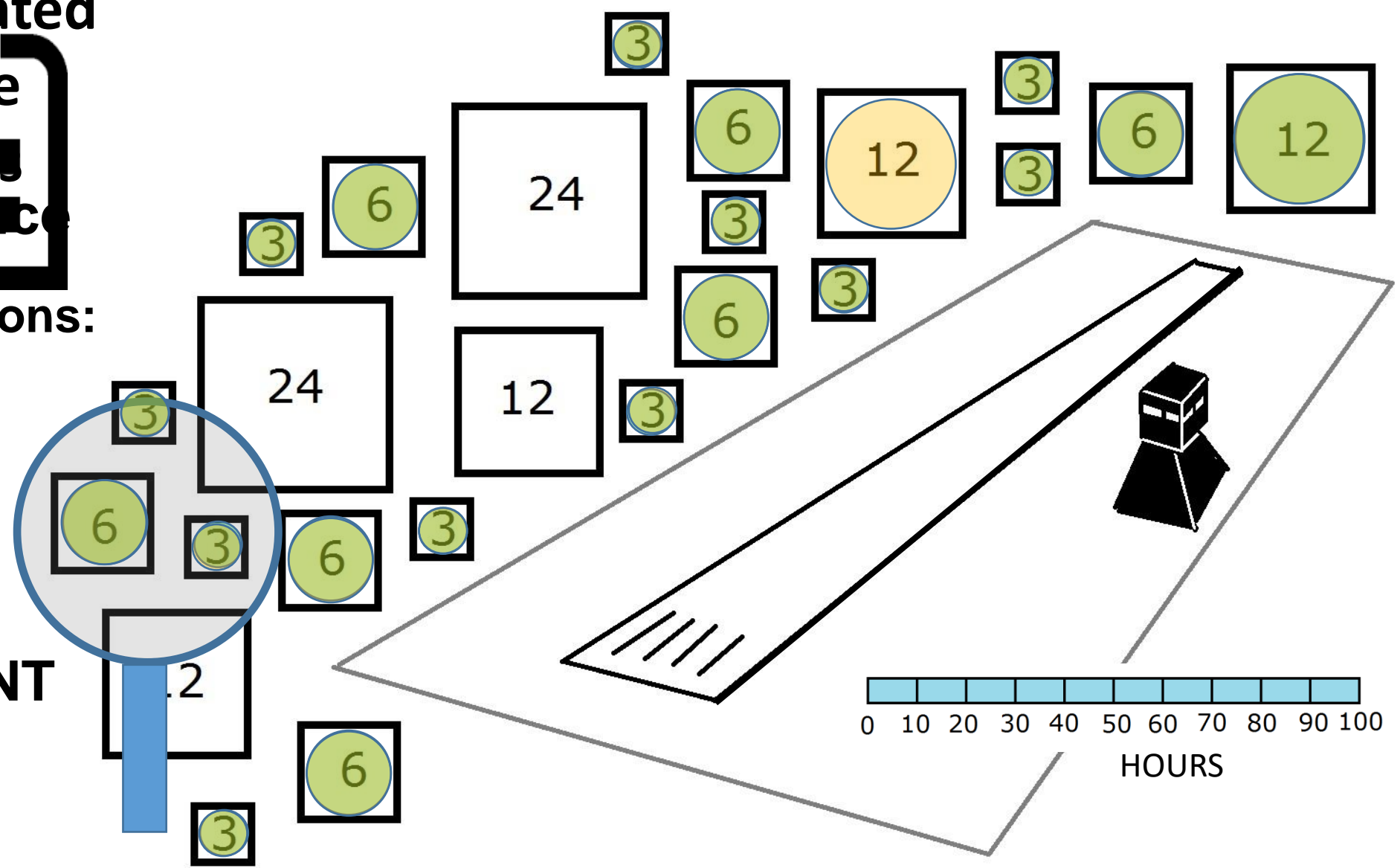
100 hours
of rescue:
12
completed
12
incomplete



Coordinated
Determine
priorities
efforts
LEMA guidance



Field Operations:
90 hours of ASR-3
of rescuers
Operations:
ASR-4
completed
SEARCH
ASSESSMENT
AND
RESCUE
incomplete



Why coordinate?

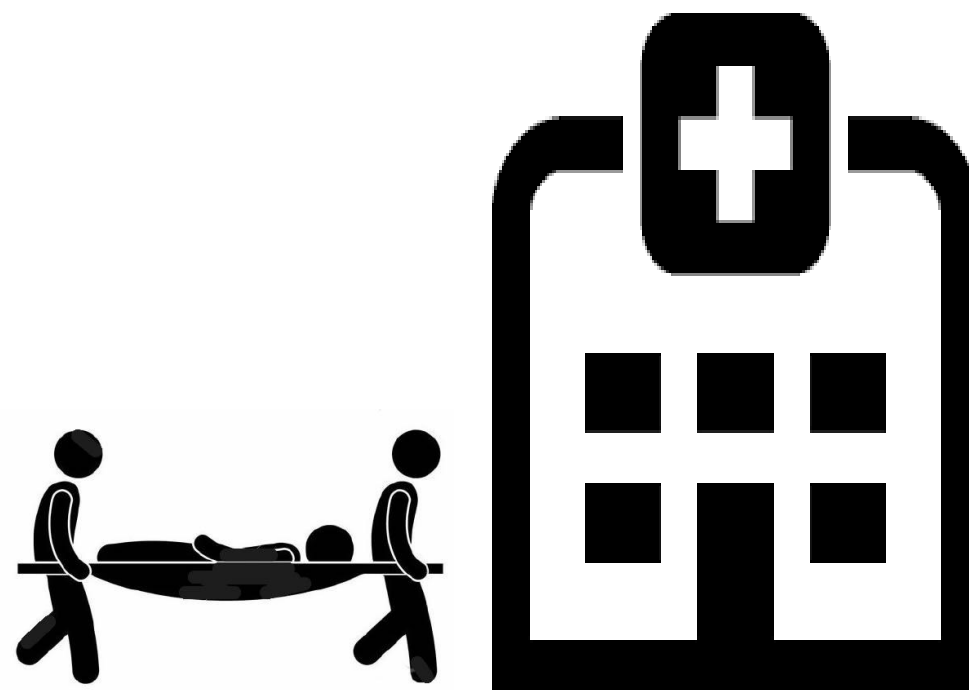
100 hours “on the pile”:

- 12 rescues
- 12 incomplete

OR

**10 hours assessment &
90 hours “on the pile”:**

- 19 rescues
- 5 incomplete



Coordination overview

USAR Coordination Cell

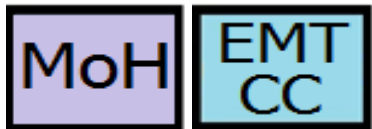
In conjunction with:

- Coordination
- Identification
- Coordination
- Mobilisation
- Preparation
- Prepare for demobilisation

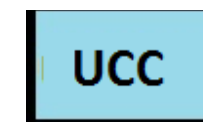
Emergency Medical Team Coordination Cell

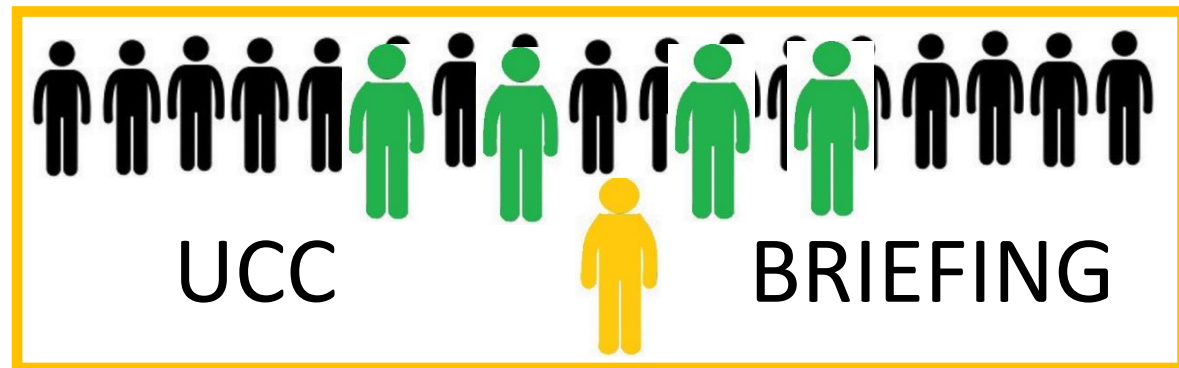
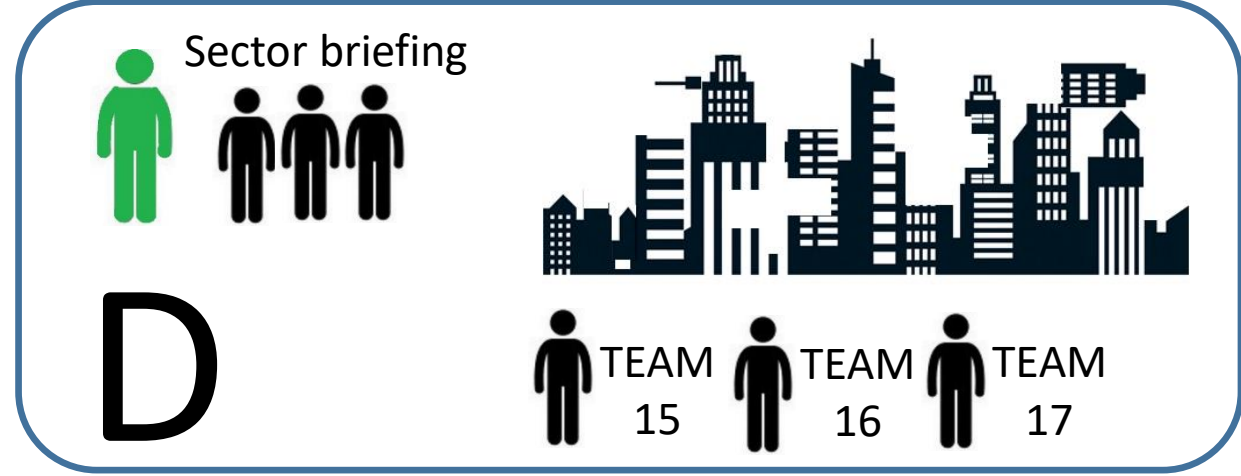
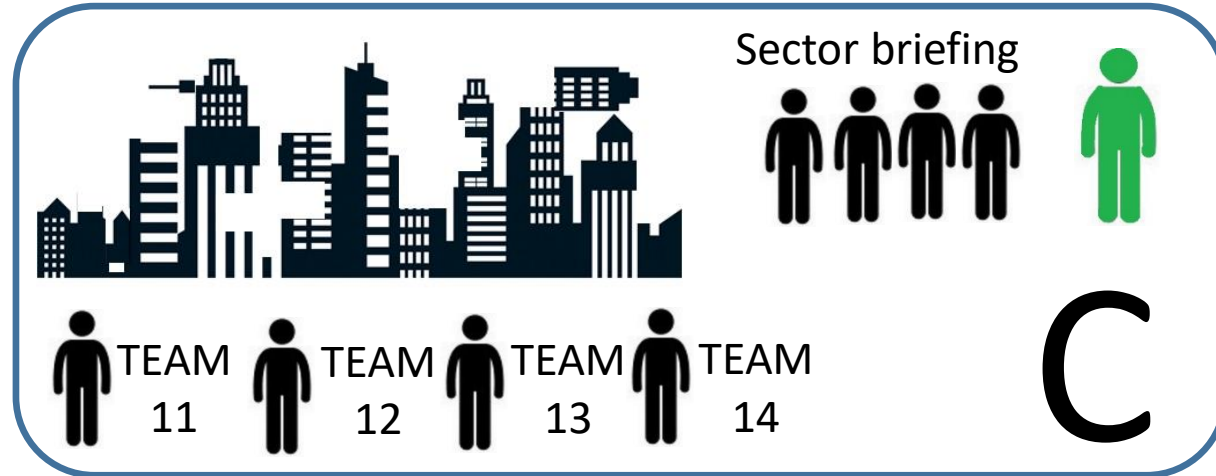
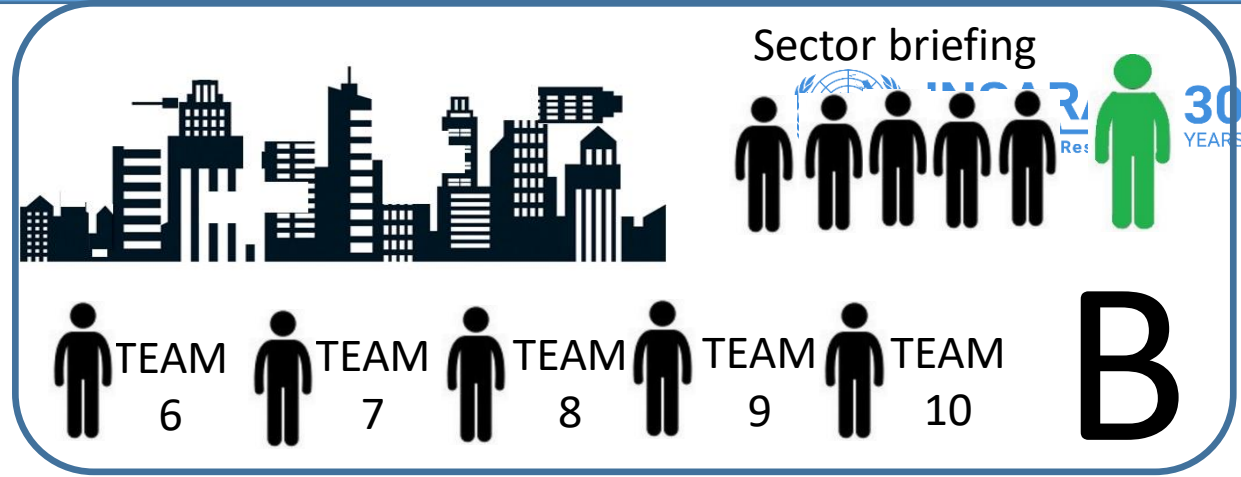
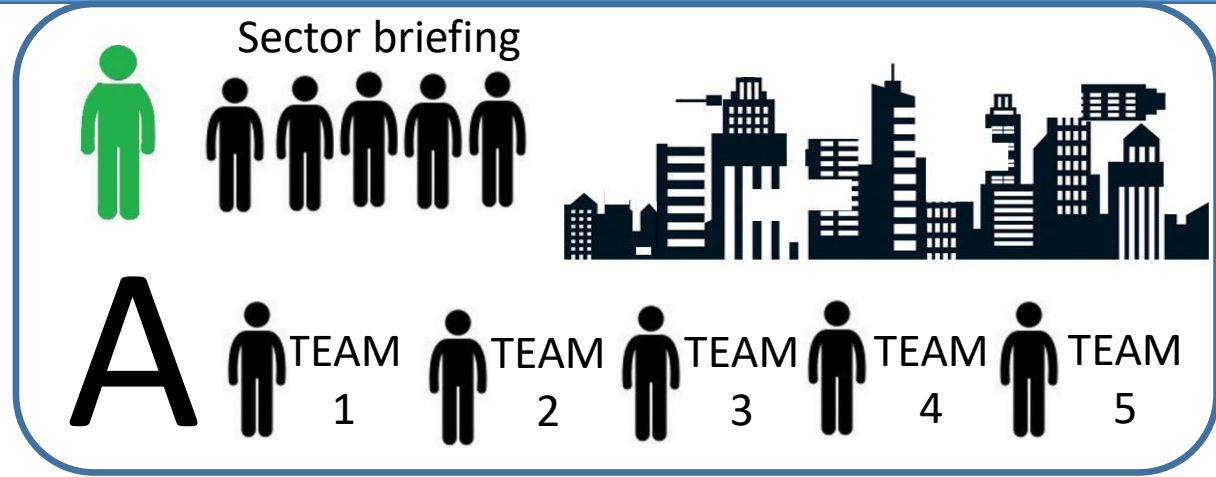
In conjunction with Ministry of Health:

- Screen and register international EMT's
- Verify compliance with national and international standards
- Assign and task Emergency Medical Teams



Support logistical arrangements
Monitor and update Virtual OSOCC





Work site Identification

- **Unique identity for sites with potential for live rescue or other significant operations**
- **Typically, one building where one team or squad is working**
- **If sectorization is not in place, use simple numerals (1, 2, 3, etc)**
- **If sectorization is in place, use the following format:**
 - Sector identification - Hyphen - Sequential numbers**
- **Large sites initially given a single ID could develop more sites:**
 - **Use the original Worksite ID and add a letter**
 - **Example - B-2a, Padang-2b, 8-2c etc.**

Work site Identification

- **WHO ASSIGNS THE NUMBERS?**
- **If more than one team is in the same sector, they should use different number series**
 - **Example - Team 1 uses 1 to 20, Team 2 uses 21 to 40 etc.**
 - **Duplication must be avoided.**

Safety & Security

- **The OSOCC will establish a situational safety and security plan based upon the UN's assessment**
- **The UCC will brief on incident safety and security issues that affect USAR teams**
- **USAR teams then develop their own operational safety plans**
- **Plans may need revision based on changing needs or reassignments**

Safety & Security

- Operational plans must always consider safety and security implications
- Decisions should always be made ensuring team safety is the primary goal
- Direction may be given to teams by UCC / SCC:
 - *For example “LEMA has asked that night time operations are not undertaken until further notice.”*

Safety & Security

- **The safety and security of UCC staff is the responsibility of the UCC Manager**
- **The UCC Manager should develop and implement a *UCC Safety and Security Plan*.**



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Preparedness Response

30
YEARS

Questions?



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for the Coordination of
Humanitarian Affairs

Coordination saves lives



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and Rescue Advisory Group

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