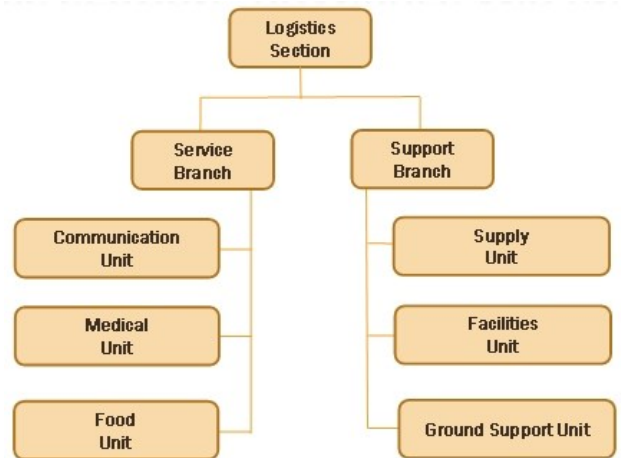


COMMUNICATIONS UNIT LEADER (COML)

***Do You Have a COML or COMT for Your
Incident or Large Event?***



COML responsibilities include:

- Operational and Technical aspects of Incident Communications
 - ⇒ Operational requirements include dispatching and monitoring field communications, and ensuring effective use of radio channels/talkgroups
 - ⇒ Technical aspects, usually managed by one or more Communications Technicians (COMTs) include determining the appropriate radio channels/talkgroups to be used, installing/maintaining incident radios, interference mitigation, programming and deployment of cache radios, etc.
- Developing plans for the effective use of incident communications equipment and facilities (including ICS-205)
- Installing and testing communications equipment; supervising the Incident Communications Center
- Distributing and collecting communications equipment to incident personnel
- Maintaining and repairing communications equipment as needed to support future incidents and longevity of equipment
- Establishing communications with Incident Command Post, Incident/Tactical Dispatchers, Auxiliary Communicators and/or Radio Operators



How to call for a COML/T:

- **Call CECOMS at (216) 771-1363**
- **Give the call taker as much information as possible such as**
 - **Location and nature of the incident**
 - **Specific or expected needs if known**
 - **Where to report (i.e. Command Post)**
 - **Name and contact number of Incident Commander (IC)**
 - **Talkgroup(s) already in use**

<http://ema.ohio.gov/Documents/comm/SCIP31121015.pdf>

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