

Lessons Learned from Great Lakes State Experience with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – A SPRO's Perspective

Continental Dialogue on Non-Native
Forest Insects and Diseases
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Significant Areas of Insight

- Early Detection / Rapid Response
- Incident Command Systems
- Partnerships
- Communication
- Budget
- Personnel
- Legislative and Regulatory Authority
- Lessons Learned



Early Detection (Nip it in the bud)

- EAB – a poster child
- Resource surveys
 - Local, State, and Federal Agencies
 - Citizens
 - Civil Groups
- Need for continuous support
- Communication channels

Rapid Response

- Resources
- Partnerships
- Mechanisms



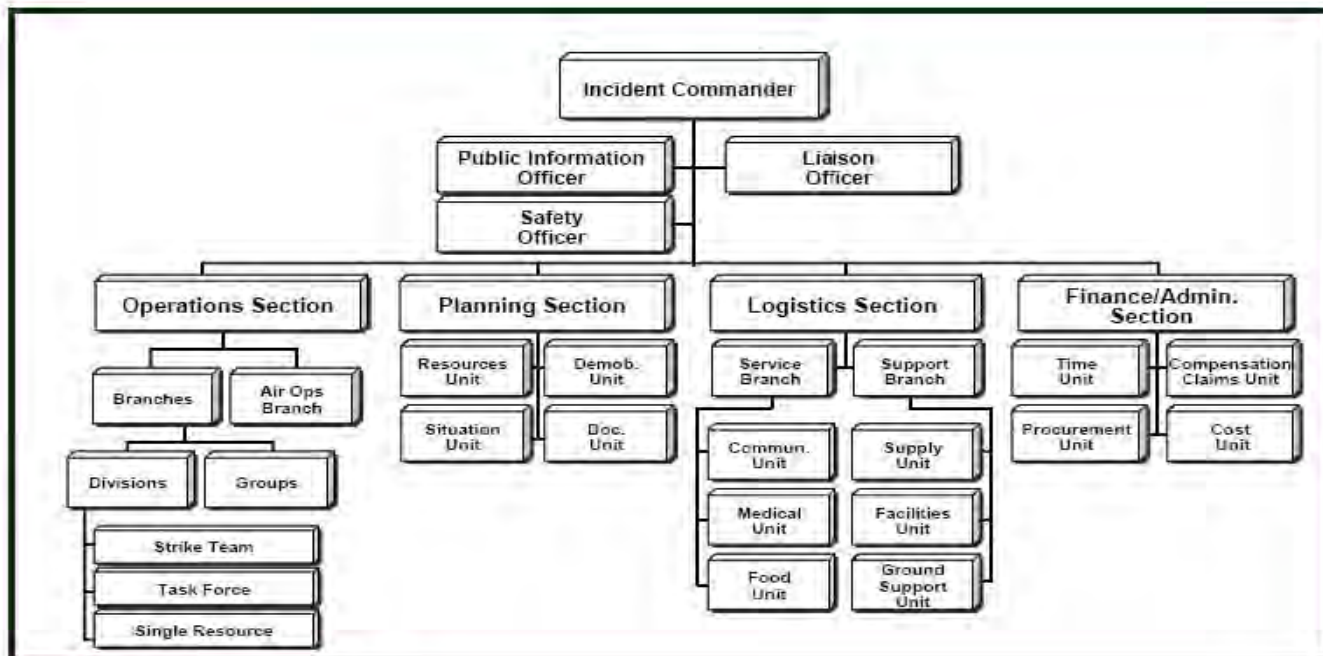
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ICS –

Don't build a response without it

- Provide an organizational structure
- Facilitate funding requests
- Eliminate confusion and chaos

Basic ICS Organizational Chart



Partnerships – You can never have too many friends

- Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Administrative leadership
- Legislators
- Academics / Extension
- Native American Tribes
- Civic Groups, Garden Clubs
- Media
- etc., etc., etc.

A need for assistance - Partnerships don't mean taking advantage

- You will be faced with extremely tough tasks – partnerships will make it happen.
- Build the partnership before there's a need for assistance.

Communication – Early and often and at every level possible



- Use professional assistance
- Manage the message or someone else will
- Agree on a common message
- Answer every question - honestly



Budget



- Think bold
- Share resources
- Say thank you
- Think about audits
- Be careful



Human Resource Management – It's like flying the plane while you're building it

- Hiring – Management team first
- Training
- Supervision
- Equipping

Tap known contacts and partners for
leadership personnel.

Legislative / Regulatory Authorities

- Quarantine authority (federal, state, local, Native American)
- Rights to access
- Nuisance declaration (is it detailed, current, broad)
- Penalties (is the language concise, current, effective)
- Indemnification language
- Other statutory considerations
 - T & E impacts / limitations
 - Registered treatment materials
 - Union restrictions

Lessons Learned

- Regular, formal opportunities to discuss what's working / what's not
- Final review of incident response
- Prepare for the next incident