



Organization

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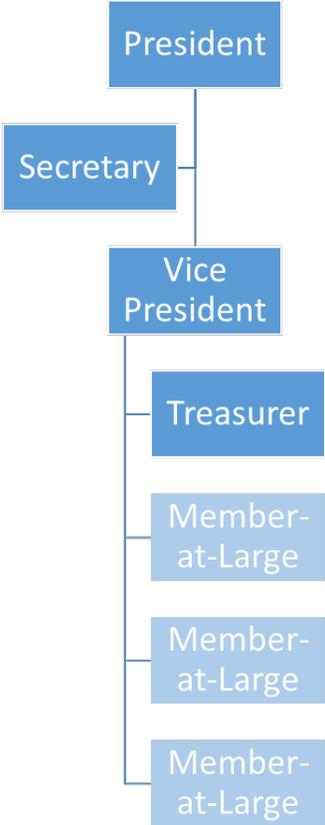
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Overview

This manual describes the basic organization of the Deployable Response Group, beginning at the National level and moving to the community level.

National Level

The national level organization is the Board of Directors, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, at a minimum.



Responsibilities

President

The head of the board, responsible for leading meetings and guiding the board's overall direction.

Vice President

Acts as a substitute for the president when needed.

Secretary

Keeps records of meetings, maintains official documents, and ensures proper communication.

Treasurer

Oversees the organization's finances, manages the budget, and reports on financial matters.

Members-at-Large

Contribute to the board's decision-making, normally serving on committees and providing expertise.

Board Functions

Governance and Oversight:

The board sets the overall direction and policies of the organization, ensuring it stays true to its mission and operates in the best interests of its stakeholders.

Strategic Planning:

Board members play a crucial role in developing and approving the organization's strategic plan, including its goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving them.

Financial Oversight:

The board is responsible for ensuring the organization's financial health, including approving the budget, overseeing fundraising efforts, and monitoring financial performance.

Legal and Ethical Compliance:

The board ensures the organization adheres to all applicable laws and regulations and operates with the highest ethical standards.

Executive Director Oversight:

The board hires, evaluates, and supports the executive director, providing guidance and oversight to ensure effective leadership.

Resource Development:

Board members actively participate in fundraising and resource development efforts, leveraging their networks and skills to support the organization's mission.

Community Engagement:

The board represents the organization to the broader community and advocates for its mission and programs.

Group

The Group is the highest level of organization, below the National Board. It is responsible for executing recruitment, training, equipping, and deployment functions for its subordinate squadrons. The Group normally oversees four (04) operational Squadrons and one (01) Support Squadron. The Group staff is assisted in these efforts by the Support Squadron. A Group is normally led by a Colonel.

Squadron

The Squadron is the highest level of operational unit, normally overseeing four (04) Operational Detachments and one (01) Support Detachment. A Squadron is normally led by a Major.

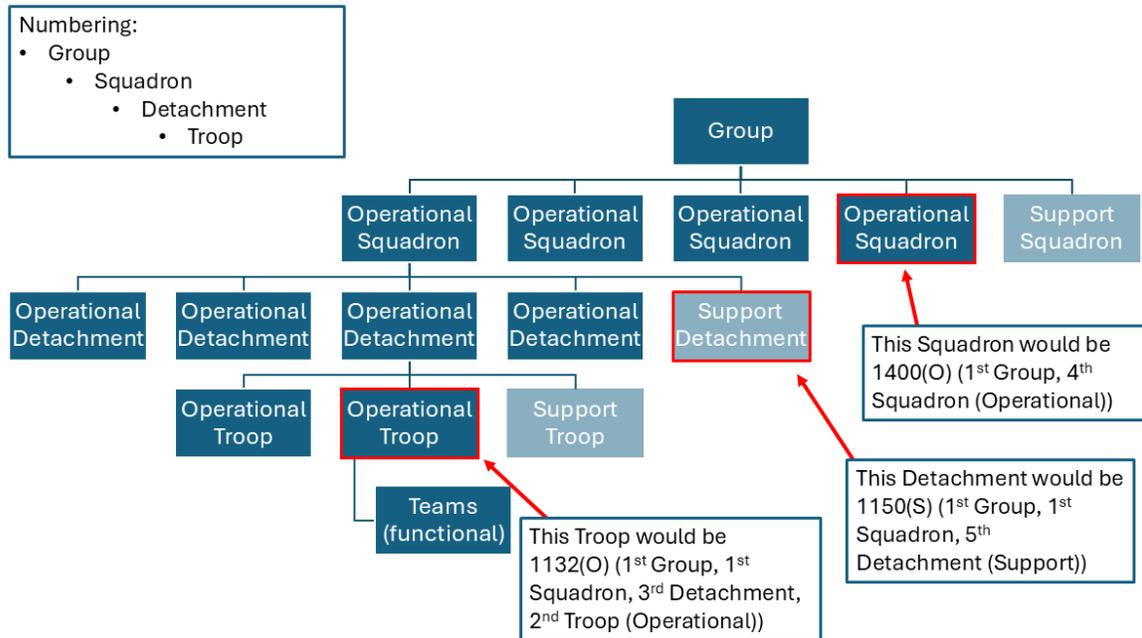
Detachment

The Detachment is the middle to community level of operational unit, normally overseeing two (02) Operational Troops and one (01) Support Troop. A Detachment is normally led by a Captain.

Troop

The Troop is the lowest level of operational unit, normally consisting of six (06) to ten (10) members. The Troop is the smallest community unit. A Troop is normally led by a Corporal or Sergeant.

Troops should endeavor to maintain at least two of each response function (Search & Rescue, Reconnaissance & Assessment, Communications) trained and equipped to deploy at all times.



Teams

Teams are a functional unit as opposed to an organizational unit. For deployments that do not require a full Troop or Detachment, or for functional reasons during deployment, members may be broken up into Teams to better serve the incident commander’s needs.

Operational vs. Support Designators

Operational

The Operational designator indicates that a Squadron, Detachment, or Troop is trained and equipped to be a response unit conducting direct field operations.

Support

The Support designator indicates that a Squadron, Detachment, or Troop plays a supporting role in field operations, normally through maintenance, logistics, or administrative functions. Support-designated units may also supply members to deploy if the members possess specialty skills needed by the Operational units or Teams.