Every command and general staff position have certain expectations of each other C&G position. The following is a general reference guide. Participants in each of these roles should also consult the reference guide for the position they are assigned to.

I. **Incident Commander**

1. Incident Commander’s expectations of all C&G Staff members
   1. Attend all meetings and briefings on time and fully prepared.
   2. Resolve all disputes and misunderstandings of the proposed plan PRIOR to the Planning Meeting.
   3. Essential Elements of Information (EEI): Thorough, constant and effective sharing of information.
   4. No matter how bad things may be, maintain the planning process and present a positive and professional demeanor that leaves others with the knowledge that we are in control and will overcome the adversity.
   5. Take every opportunity to promote the ICS process and teach others how to use it.
   6. Be an exemplary model of behavior and performance and take decisive and immediate action when others in your functional area are not performing to expected standards.
   7. Take care of yourself; get adequate rest and appropriate nourishment.
   8. Don’t let setbacks or failure get you down. You didn’t cause the incident; you are here to work with everyone else to bring order out of chaos.
   9. Take care of each other. Watch for signs of stress or unusual fatigue in your team members. Help each other out when needed.
2. Incident Commander’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Be fully engaged in the planning process and provide appropriate feedback.
   2. Identify, manage, instruct and mitigate all hazards on the incident.
   3. Keeps IC informed on trends/causes of accidents and illnesses.
   4. Promote an attitude of 100% compliance with safety rules throughout the entire organization.
   5. Provide a relevant and effective safety message in each IAP.
3. Incident Commander’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Keep incident personnel up to date on major current affairs, both on and off the incident.
   2. Coordinate with Liaison Officer in relations with Stakeholders.
   3. Identify and keep IC informed of emerging issues concerning the incident in the political and public arenas.
   4. Coordinate and represent the IC in off-site PIO activities such as the JIC or other agency information outlets.
   5. Promote a positive impression of all information and interviews about the incident among any incident personnel who may encounter the public or media.
   6. Ensure that the IC is appropriately prepared (not only mentally, but in appearance) when going in front of the camera.
4. Incident Commander’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Address cooperating agency/stakeholder concerns and issues in a positive manner.
   2. Track down, identify, and coordinate with all involved agencies and nongovernmental organizations.
   3. Provide a positive impression of incident to other agencies/stakeholders.
   4. Exercise effective leadership and coordination of the Agency Representatives.
   5. Coordinate with the PIO in relations with stakeholders.
   6. Keep other IMT members constantly aware of issues of cooperating/assisting agencies.
5. Incident Commander’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Manage the ordering process to ensure all incident needs are met.
   2. Whenever possible, anticipate and maintain supplies ahead of the need.
   3. Work closely with Operations to ensure complete logistical support and coordination with tactical operations.
   4. Ensure the IC has the best facilities, equipment, and resources to manage the incident.
   5. Do it all in a timely manner.
6. Incident Commander’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Advise and counsel all C&G staff about fiscal, contract, and other administrative matters.
   2. Be prepared to provide cost analysis if requested by IC or responsible agency.
   3. Attend all briefing and strategy sessions; provide input.
   4. Coordinate with all staff members and cooperating agency representatives.
   5. Possess good knowledge and ability to operate Finance Section effectively.
   6. Coordinate with all responsible agencies to ensure their administrative requirements are met.
7. Incident Commander’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Recommend strategies to reach objectives.
   2. Keep IC and other C&G members informed on planned tactics to ensure timely input and support by entire IMT.
   3. Resource ordering within boundaries of fiscal, environmental, and other constraints.
   4. Report unusual events, activities, as well as provide daily updates on the situation.
   5. Insist that all known safety procedures be followed in all tactical planning and execution.
   6. Maintain effective communication with all cooperating agencies and ensure that their input is solicited, respected, and given due consideration.
8. Incident Commander’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Exercise effective leadership and organization of all incident meetings and briefings.
   2. Ensure that the entire organization follows the established planning process, on time and accurately.
   3. Maintain a thorough overview of all incident activities to ensure that complete information is provided for the planning process.

II. **Safety Officer**

1. Safety Officer’s expectations of Incident Commander
   1. Emphasize safety in all communications and actions.
   2. Support recommendations for changes in tactics for safety reasons.
2. Safety Officer’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Be sensitive to any accidents or other safety problems on the incident.
   2. Coordinate what is released to public, both media and locals.
3. Safety Officer’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Provide specific information regarding problems with assisting and coordinating agencies.
   2. Identify potential safety problems regarding above.
4. Safety Officer’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Supply personnel/equipment needs.
   2. Coordinate with Medical Unit.
5. Safety Officer’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Process accident reports in a timely manner.
   2. Maintain constant exchange of information concerning safety matters.
   3. Coordinate accident/injury information from Compensation/Claims Unit.
6. Safety Officer’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Maintain a close working relationship in development of tactics.
   2. Understand possible hazards.
   3. Be flexible enough to change tactics that cannot be mitigated.
   4. Provide information on unusual hazards occurring in field.
   5. No surprises.
7. Safety Officer’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Be included in strategy and tactics meetings.
   2. Provide briefings on situation, critical/sensitive areas, resource types and status.
   3. Be included in briefings.
   4. Provide updates/feedback on safety responses. 5. Provide information on availability of personnel/resources.

**III. Public Information Officer**

1. Public Information Officer’s expectations of IC
   1. Approve press releases in a timely manner.
   2. Cooperate with media requests.
   3. Cooperate with public information meetings.
   4. Provide direction on his/her media expectations.
2. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Summarize safety issues.
   2. Provide a daily report on any accidents/injuries.
3. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Identify key agencies, their roles, and any issues.
   2. Provide communications materials to cooperating and assisting agencies as well as outside interested organizations, as appropriate.
   3. Help with communication strategy.
4. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Review Communication Plan.
   2. Provide transportation.
   3. Provide facilities and communication equipment for information office, both at ICP and other locales.
5. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Provide current incident costs.
   2. Provide press-worthy items.
6. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Provide information on resources, special activities, status of incident.
   2. Be open to allowing media access.
   3. Provide press-worthy items.
7. Public Information Officer’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Summarize development of incident.
   2. Provide information on resource status.
   3. Provide press-worthy items.

**IV. Liaison Officer**

1. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Incident Commander
   1. Advise and counsel on issues presented by assisting and cooperating agencies.
   2. Provide overall mission and direction.
   3. Show willingness to engage with stakeholders when necessary.
2. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Provide advice on hazards and issues particularly affecting cooperating and assisting agencies and organizations.
   2. Provide input on “safety readiness” of above.
3. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Mention cooperating and assisting agencies and organization in press releases.
   2. Distribute information material so it can be given to above.
   3. Provide coordination/notification of public meetings and press conferences.
4. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Provide transportation, facilities, and communication equipment.
   2. Provide status of ordered resources.
   3. Provide medical status of any personnel injured or ill from cooperating and assisting agencies.
5. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Report excessive hours.
   2. Report injuries and/or accidents to non-agency personnel.
   3. Provide information on agency specific pay-offs.
6. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Ensure safety and welfare of all personnel.
   2. Share information and rationale on use of other agency personnel.
7. Liaison Officer’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Ensure that IAP accurately reflects all cooperating and assisting agencies and organizations.
   2. Coordinate with status of above resources, e.g. planned demobilization.

V. **Planning Section Chief**

1. Planning Section Chief’s expectations of IC
   1. Provide incident objectives.
   2. Provide Planning Meeting schedules/operational periods.
   3. Provide deadlines for IAP.
   4. Review and approve IAP.
2. Planning Section Chief’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Participate in Strategy/Tactics Meetings and preparation of 215A.
   2. Continually update team on safety issues.
   3. Participate in IAP (Safety message and 204’s).
   4. Participate in Operational briefings.
3. Planning Section Chief’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Provide times of press briefings.
   2. Coordinate with information on ICS Form 209.
   3. Review information in press releases for accuracy.
4. Planning Section Chief’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Review status of cooperating and assisting agency resources for accuracy.
   2. Provide information regarding any of the issues above.
5. Planning Section Chief’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Confirm status of all resource orders.
   2. Provide feedback on resource availability.
   3. Timely submit Communication, Medical, Facility and Transportation Plans.
   4. Provide adequate facilities and equipment for all Planning Units and preparation of the IAP.
6. Planning Section Chief’s expectation of Finance Section Chief
   1. Provide fiscal input to the Incident Action Plan.
   2. Provide daily cost estimates.
   3. Provide financial/cost benefit analysis information.
7. Planning Section Chief’s expectation of Operations Section Chief
   1. Provide strategy and tactics.
   2. Provide timely notification of resource needs.
   3. Provide necessary info for maps, etc.
   4. Provide information needed to complete 204s.
   5. Provide debriefing from field at end of shift.
   6. Be on time and be prepared for meetings.

**VI. Logistics Section Chief**

1. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Incident Commander
   1. Provide priorities for ordering personnel, supplies, and equipment.
   2. Provide support for logistics activities.
   3. Keep in loop for planned direction of incident.
2. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Coordinate/cooperate with Medical Unit.
   2. Provide notification of hazards in facilities, transportation, etc.
   3. Provide input for the Medical Plan and medevac procedures. Coordinate/cooperate with Security in accident investigation.
3. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Arrange communication and facility needs in a timely manner.
4. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Communicate assisting/cooperating agency personnel special needs.
   2. Provide information as to ability of above to assist in Logistics.
5. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Provide written orders for resources or supplies.
   2. Provide close coordination between Supply Unit, Procurement Unit, Ground Support Unit, and Time Unit.
   3. Provide information on time and/or procurement problems.
   4. Provide cost saving information.

1. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Provide timely requests for all needs.
   2. Provide timely notification of demobilization, pre-advisement of resources that may come available for use by Logistics (e.g. heavy equipment).
   3. Provide coordination and information sharing up front.
   4. Show an understanding for impossible time requests.
2. Logistics Section Chief’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Timely ordering of resources.
   2. Close coordination on check in and demobilization of resources.
   3. Information sharing as to planned direction of incident.
   4. Accurate information as to number of resources on incident.

**VII. Operations Section Chief**

1. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Incident Commander
   1. Supply Objectives.
   2. Point out any constraints on strategy/tactics. These may include environmental, political, financial.
2. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Have a close working relationship in development of tactics.
   2. Provide notification of any hazards or safety problems.
   3. Provide mitigations and ramifications for tactics.
   4. Provide close scrutiny of operations in field.
   5. Order enough resources to ensure safety in field.
3. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Public Information Officer
   1. Provide correct information to the public.
   2. Request permission to bring media out to incident (away from ICP).
   3. Ensure media are properly prepared (protective clothing, briefings) to go out to incident.
4. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Provide information on special circumstances of other agency employees.
   2. Coordination with other agency needs or problems and identification of resources available through cooperators.
   3. Be the point of contact for above.
5. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Provide adequate transportation.
   2. Provide adequate, high-quality food.
   3. Provide facilities for eating, sleeping, and OSC’s work.
   4. Provide needed equipment and supplies to perform work.
   5. Arrange for medical care and emergency transport and medical plan.
   6. Demonstrate flexibility in changing requests.
6. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Finance Section Chief
   1. Provide efficient processing of time and pay documents so there is no interference with the IAP, or demobilization process.
   2. Report excessive work hours.
   3. Provide adequate commissary as necessary.
   4. Keep Operations informed of any fiscal constraints that may influence tactics.
7. Operations Section Chief’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Have a close working relationship in preparing the IAP.
   2. Provide resources requested.
   3. Provide input in strategy meeting.
   4. Provide complete, accurate IAP, including maps and all plans (with adequate numbers of copies).
   5. Provide concise, accurate briefings.
   6. Provide completed ICS Form 215s for Planning Meeting.

**VIII. Finance Section Chief**

1. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Incident Commander
   1. Provide general advice and counsel.
   2. Provide financial and political constraints.
   3. Provide feedback on performance and evaluation.
   4. Provide approval of excess duty time.
2. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Safety Officer
   1. Be an advisor.
   2. Provide information on accidents or injuries.
   3. Coordinate with Compensation/Claims Unit Leader.
   4. Ensure that all accident or injury reports are submitted to Finance in a timely manner.
3. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Information Officer
   1. Prepare initial information summary as soon as possible after arrival.
   2. Ensure incident personnel are kept up to date on news and incident information.
   3. Provide coordination in event of injury or death on incident.
4. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Liaison Officer
   1. Provide a contact for assisting/cooperating agency representatives.
   2. Provide a single contact for private organizations.
   3. Coordinate meetings to facilitate information exchange.
5. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Logistics Section Chief
   1. Ensure that hired equipment time records up to date.
   2. Provide facilities for Finance Section.
   3. Coordinate between Supply Unit and Procurement Unit.
   4. Coordinate between Ground Support Unit and Procurement Unit.
   5. Coordinate between Medical Unit and Compensation/Claims Unit Leader.
   6. Provide property accountability.
6. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Operations Section Chief
   1. Verify time worked by crews and equipment on incident.
   2. Conform to required work/rest cycles.
   3. Provide information on property damage or equipment loss or damage in order to start a potential claims file.
   4. Provide information on equipment on the incident, especially for the initial operational periods.
7. Finance Section Chief’s expectations of Planning Section Chief
   1. Provide up-to-date information on resources assigned to the incident.
   2. Provide daily/shift copies of the Incident Action Plan.
   3. Provide current information on the incident particularly including any planned releases.
   4. Provide estimated containment and control times.
   5. Provide close coordination with demobilization