Introduction

The Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) are the standard organizational systems that all responders are required to operate under. The following organizational charts are examples, or frameworks, of how animal search and rescue and a complete animal response may be organized. Depending upon the incident, the command authority, and the resources available, these charts can be adjusted as needed. For example, animal issues may be a separate branch under operations for the entire incident organizational chart. In this incident, the head person for animal issues may be a branch director, not an incident commander. Thus, the titles of the positions under that person will change but their function will remain the same.
Incident Commander

- Information Officer
- Safety Officer
- Liaison Officer

- Planning Section Chief
- Operations Section Chief
- Logistics Section Chief
- Finance Section Chief

- Staging Area Manager

- Animal Branch

- Search and Rescue
- Evacuation
- Shelter
- Medical