

# Incident Reporting: What's Your Threshold?



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# Outline

- What happened during our incident
- How do we respond to emergencies
- To report or not to report?
- What we learned



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# McIntyre Medical Building Fire

July 13th, 2018



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# McIntyre Medical Building Fire

July 13

- 8:16 pm - McGill security notified
- 8:19 pm - Montreal Fire department arrives
- 9:07 pm - McGill emergency notification sent
- 9:24 pm - Fire contained
- 10:30 pm - Disaster restoration arrives

July 14

- 1:30 am - Fire watch
- 9:00 am - Emergency operations center (EOC) convened



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# What's in the McIntyre

- Faculty of Medicine offices
- Classrooms
- Library
- Large animal care facility
- Hazardous Waste Management Center
- Food Services
- Laboratories
  - 51 CL2+
  - 35 CL2
  - 8 CL1
  - 25 Radiation
  - 83 Hazardous Chemicals





What's nearby?

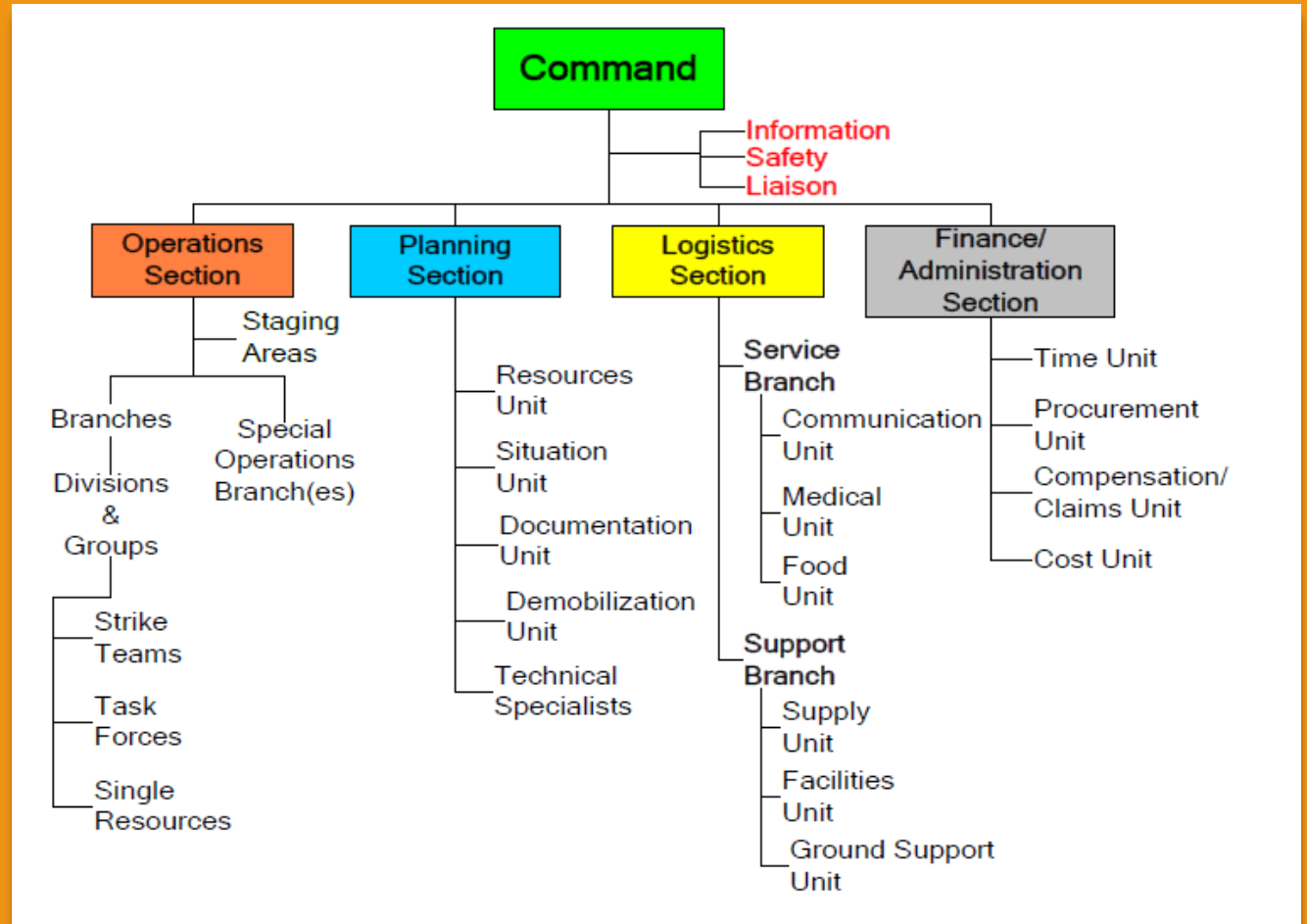


# Emergency Response





# Incident Command System



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# McIntyre Medical Building Fire

July 14-26

- Building open to occupants with urgent business
- July 16 process formalized for access requests

July 27

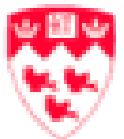
- Floors 7-13 re-opened

August 8

- EOC deactivated and transition to Project management

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- Additional floors re-opened



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What we knew



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What we knew



To report or not to report?



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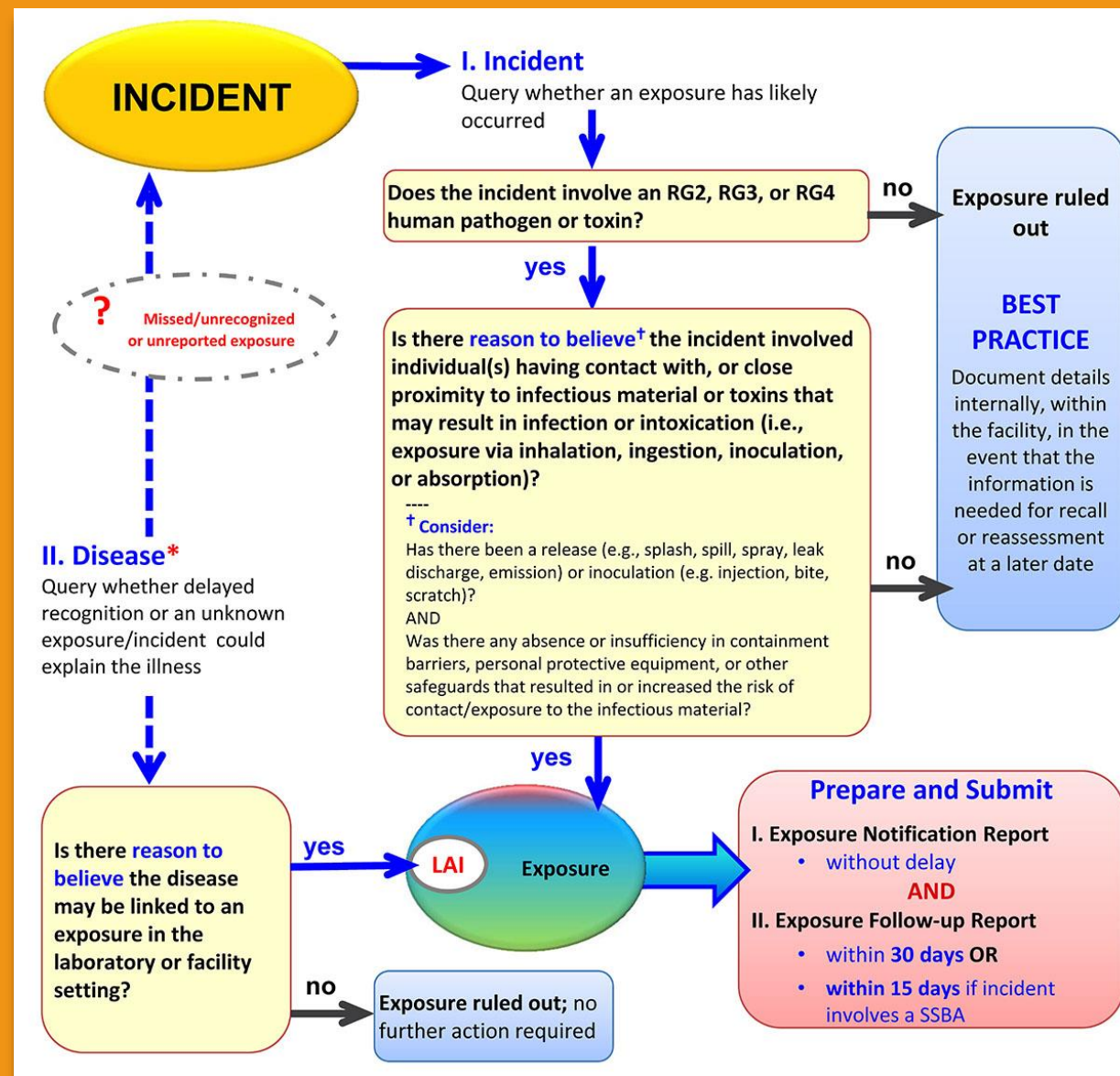


# Reportable Incidents

- Exposure
- Inadvertant
  - Possession
  - Production
  - Release
- Missing or stolen agent
- Changes affecting containment



# PHAC Incident Reporting Criteria



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Who here would have reported this incident?



# PHAC Incident report

Incident reported July 23rd, 2018

Two BSOs with different opinions  
Transparency was best - report is a documentation of the event for future complaints

Reported as a suspected exposure

Reporting options were limited  
In a building housing 80+ labs, who do you identify as an exposed person

Follow-up reported August 16th, 2018

Interviews with personnel  
Consultations with equipment specialists



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In the end we ruled out an exposure



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What will we do differently next time?



# Lessons learned

- EOC was unaware of the Regulatory Agency reporting requirements for hazardous materials - BSO & RSO approached EOC with the requirement on return from the week-end.
  - Add an item to the EOC communication checklist to notify BSO & RSO of any incidents in laboratory buildings
- Everyones threshold for reporting is different



Questions?



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