



***IMT Compare and Contrast:
How IMT's Operate in the Arabian
Gulf Region***

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IAFC Fellowship Program Cohort # 13

- *Myrtle Beach Fire Department has been selected to host the International Association of Fire Chiefs' **International Fellowship Program**, featuring experienced firefighters who work for the Saudi Arabian Oil Company, more commonly known as Aramco.*
- *The IAFC-sponsored initiative embeds foreign firefighters into busy U.S. fire departments to expose them to U.S. fire service culture and best practices.*



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- The program **four** primary objectives are to:
- *STRENGTHEN* core competencies through exposure to high-call volume operational environments
- *DEVELOP* their knowledge, skills, and abilities according to industry best-practices
- *ADOPT* the leadership principles of mission-driven cultures, and
- *UNDERSTAND* the culture and values of the U.S. fire service



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- *These firefighters will be seen in the community will work as part of the regular fire department crews. They are trained and held to the same standards as all firefighters.*
- *The exchange firefighters speak proficient English and are encouraged to engage with and get to know the community. They will serve six months.*
- *The Aramco firefighters are experienced firefighters; they serve and protect Americans and many other nationalities at the Aramco compounds scattered across Saudi Arabia.*
- *The program is managed by the IAFC and funded by Aramco; It is cost-neutral to the county.*

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- *Ali* *14 years experience*
- *Adel* *7 years*
- *Ahmed* *5 years*
- *Fayez* *8 years*
- *Munahe* *10 years*
- *Mohammed* *8 years*
- *Yousef* *6 years*

Saudi Aramco Structure

Private Company owned by KSA

Largest Oil Company in world

Excellent safety record

5 Company Values – Excellence , Accountability, Integrity, Safety, Citizenship

4 Critical Behaviors for each employee- People Conversation, Empowerment, Collaborations, Decision Making

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- *Saudi Aramco has over 50 fire stations throughout entire country*
- *1782 firefighters*
- *196 Fire Apparatus*
- *17 Training centers throughout the country*
- *Protecting Industrial / Commercial/ Residential areas*
- *Prepared for large scale incidents*

- *Mission Statement:* *Save Lives and Protect Assets.*
- *Vision Statement:* *Provide Effective Fire Protection Services by Highly Skilled Workforce, Using Reliable Equipment and Technologies.*



What is an AHIMT?

An AHIMT:

- *is a comprehensive resource (a team) to either enhance ongoing operations through provision of infrastructure support, or when requested, transition to an incident management function to include all components/functions of a Command and General Staff.*

An AHIMT:

- *Includes command and general staff members and support personnel.*
- *Has statutory authority and/or formal response requirements and responsibilities.*
- *Has pre-designated roles and responsibilities for members (identified and able to be contacted for deployment).*
- *Is available 24/7/365.*

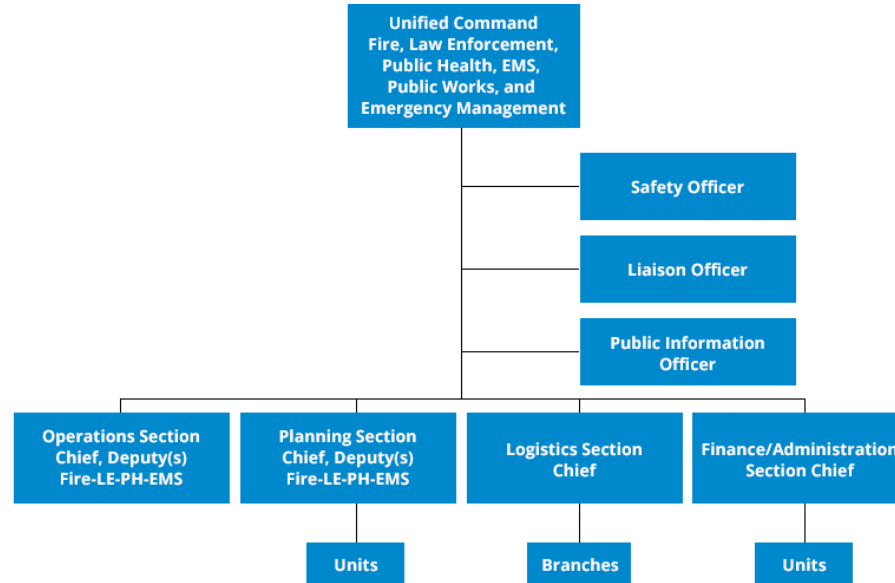
When are AHIMTs used?

- *Typical incidents where AHIMTs are used include:*
- *Coordination of on-scene operations.*
- *Natural disasters, e.g., hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, etc.*
- *Planned exercise or public event requiring the cooperation and joint participation of two or more agencies or jurisdictions.*
- *Public health emergency.*
- *Terrorist incidents.*
- *Train derailments, aircraft incidents and other large/complex accidents.*

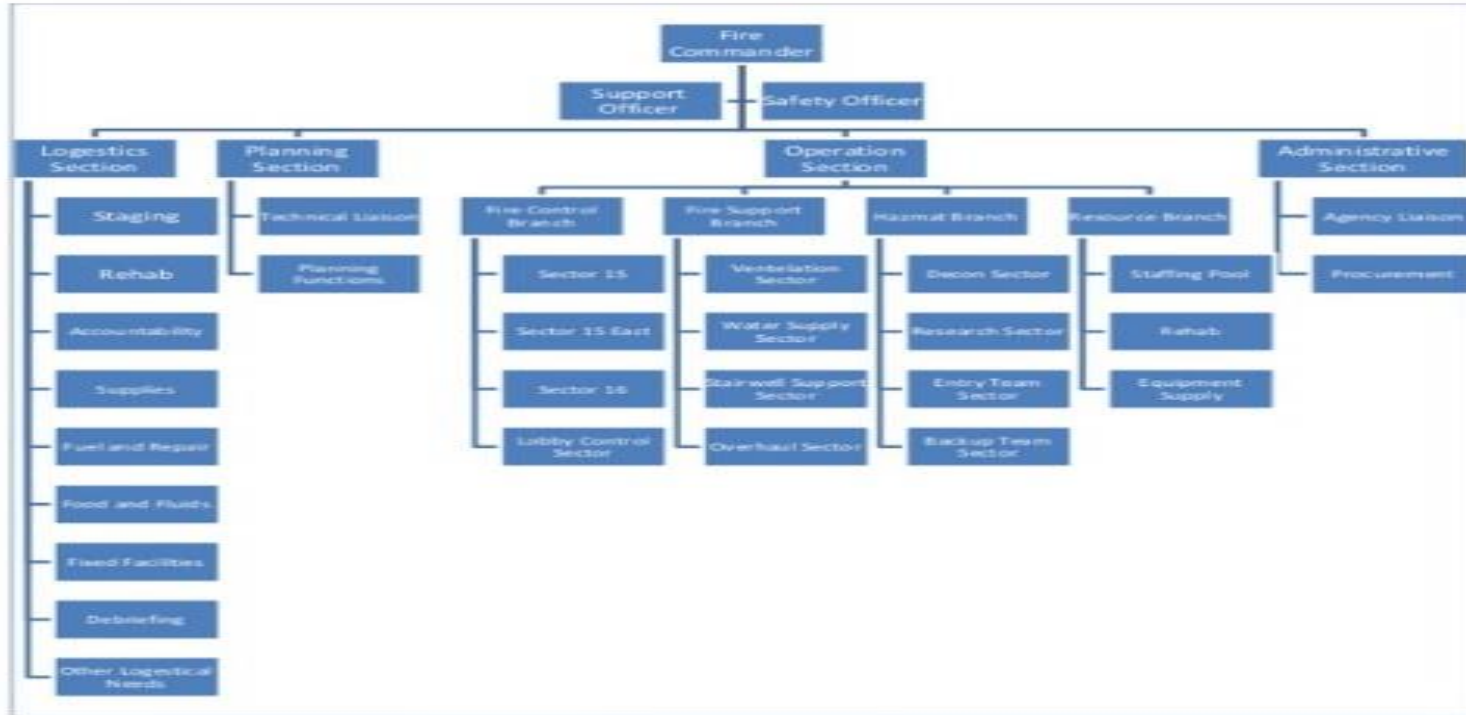
Four Questions

- *What do we do alike?*
- *What do we do different?*
- *What KSA does better?*
- *What US does better?*

IMT Organizational Chart



Saudi Aramco ICS/ IMT Organizational Chart



Threat Profile

- *Natural Disasters*
- *Industrial Incidents :Human Error / Mechanical Error*
- *Terrorists Attacks*

Structure

ECC

FP Manager

Civil Defense

Security

Plant manager

Transportation

Gov. Affairs

Medical

Information Technology

EOC

Emergency Manager

Fire

Police

Public Works

EMS

Resources of ECC vs EOC

- *Standardized / known infrastructure*
- *Resources available / Mutual Aid Resources*
- *Based on stages of emergencies*
- *Digital media*
- *Transportation Department*

Authority

- *IC = Authority*
- *Who is in charge? Responsibilities*
- *How does each interact*
- *Type of Incident / Geography*

Summary

What we do the same

What we do different

Summary

What US does better

What SA does better

Discussion