The Operational Planning "P"

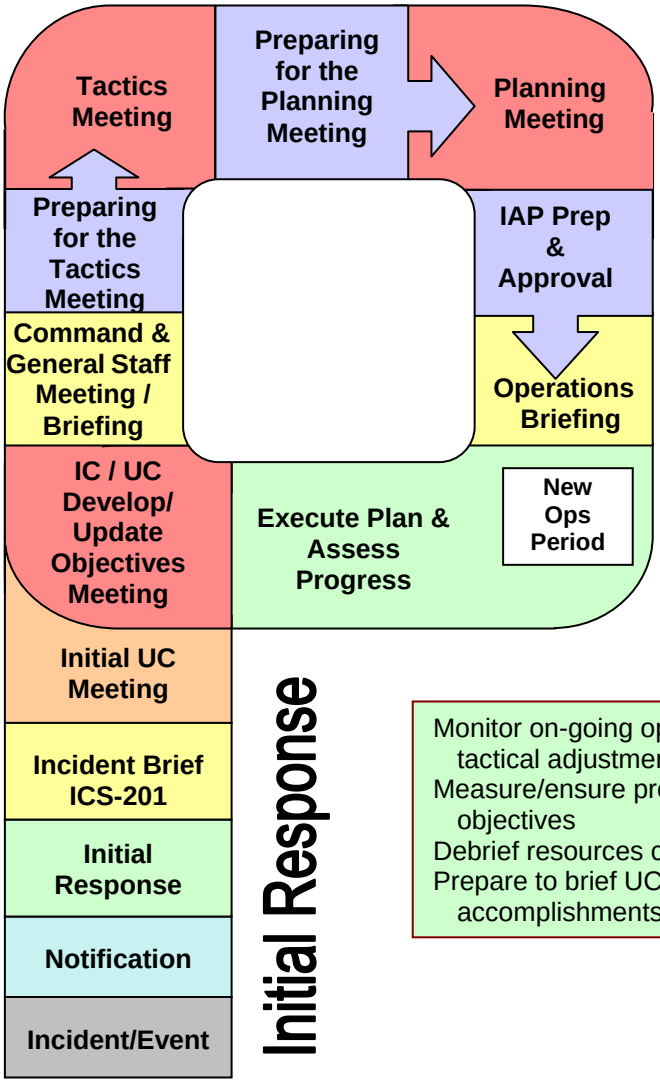
Brief on current operations
Divide incident into manageable units
Develop work map
Develop strategy/tactics to deploy
Complete ICS-215
Identify resource needs
Identify contingencies
Develop operations org chart
Continue on-scene operations

Complete 8½" x 11" ICS-215
Continue to update work progress
Continue on-scene operations

Brief on planned strategy/tactics [ICS-215 & work map/chart]
Identify how incident will be subdivided into mgmt/work units
Identify resource needs & reporting locations
Identify any contingencies as needed
Identify organizational requirements

Provide information for IAP [ICS-220]
Ensure ICS-204 taskings are clear
Communicate incident status changes
Continue on-scene operations

Develop draft strategies & tactics for each assigned objective, including alternative and/or contingency strategies using a Work Analysis Matrix
Outline work assignments and required resources using ICS-215
Develop/outline OPS Section organization for next operational period



Provide operations briefing to Ops Sec Personnel
Ensure support to operations in place
Deploy next operating period resources

Receive direction from IC/UC
Clarify objectives & priorities
Clarify organizational issues
Identify any limitations & restrictions
Reach agreement on IC/UC focus and direction
Discuss interagency issues
Prepare for tactics meeting
Continue on-scene operations

Monitor on-going operations & make tactical adjustments
Measure/ensure progress against stated objectives
Debrief resources coming off shift
Prepare to brief UC/Planning on accomplishments

Using ICS 201, brief on current operations
Clarify issues & concerns
Discuss planned operations & direction

Assess situation
Develop ICS-201
- Develop initial tactics & priorities
- Develop sketch map
- Summarize actions
- Develop resource summary
- List current organization

Continue to update response using ICS-201