1. PURPOSE
To outline the Command and Control arrangements for incidents at a local, regional and state level.

2. APPLICATION
This publication applies to all TFS personnel who may be delegated to undertake functional roles at either an Incident Management Team (IMT), Regional Operations Centre (ROC) and/or State Operations Centre (SOC).

Note: the primary reference for this publication is the Tasmania Fire Service State Fire Command and Control Arrangements. The TFS Command and Control Arrangements (Arrangements) define the State Fire Controller and State Operations Centre (SOC) arrangements for emergency management - within Tasmania, particularly in relation to TFS responsibilities outlined within the Tasmanian Emergency Management Plan (TEMP).

3. GENERAL INFORMATION
To ensure a State-wide focus is maintained within Tasmania during increased times of emergency it is necessary to increase the level/s of command, control and coordination. This includes all levels of Government, our emergency management partners, Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) Regions and the community continuing to be supported and well informed. The State Operations Centre (SOC) is designed to provide strategic direction, advice, information and support both vertically and horizontally through TFS, other agencies and Government, as well as to establish and maintain the chain-of-command required during significant emergency incidents.

The SOC is responsible for the overall coordination of response activities in relation to all incidents where the TEMP identifies the TFS as the Management Authority, including bushfires that have the potential to develop into major fires, in Tasmania. The SOC is responsible for the provision of support to and coordination of the ROC’s.

4. LEVELS OF COMMAND
State Fire Coordination Team
Situated in the State Operations Centre (SOC), the State Fire Coordination Team will assist and provide advice to the State Fire Controller at the strategic level. The State Fire Coordination Team may comprise of the following functional roles, utilising suitably qualified and experienced persons from the TFS, other agencies and/or organisations as required.

Functional Roles and Support within the State Operations Centre (SOC)
- State Fire Controller
- State Resource Officer
Regional Operations Centres (ROC)

Regional Fire Operations Centres (ROC), under the control of a Regional Fire Controller (RFC), are established as per the guidelines contained within the arrangements. ROCs monitor the potential for incidents to develop and provide support and provide coordination oversight of IMT's within Region/s.

Functional Roles and Support within the Regional Operations Centre (ROC)

- Regional Fire Controller
- Public Information
- Regional Air Operations Officer
- Admin Support
- Regional Resourcing Officer
- Regional Intelligence Officer

Incident Management Teams (IMT’s)

At Incident Level, Tasmania’s Hazard response agencies utilize the Australasian Interagency Incident Management System (AIIMS).

They also utilize the ICS principles of:
- Management by Objectives;
- Functional Management;
- Span of Control;
- Flexibility; and
- Unity of Command.

Functional Roles and Support within the Incident Management Team (IMT) AIIMS consists of 8 functional areas:

- Control
- Planning
- Intelligence
- Public Information
- Operations
- Investigation
- Finance
- Logistics

The 8 functional areas can be expanded into functional units as an incident grows in complexity and/or size. The incident drives the size and nature of the Incident Management Team. An Incident Controller should build a structure, undertake the tasks, and develop plans that reflect the needs of the incident.

5. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LEVELS OF COMMAND / COORDINATION

The Tasmania Fire Service Command and Control structure incorporates three levels of incident Management, consistent with an "all Hazards approach". Each are activated
based on predicted risk, current activity or as required by the State Controller. Each level manages incidents and /or risk in a manner consistent with the AllMS ICS principles. At all levels the principle of local intelligence and stakeholder engagement is considered imperative to any structure.

Figure 1.

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