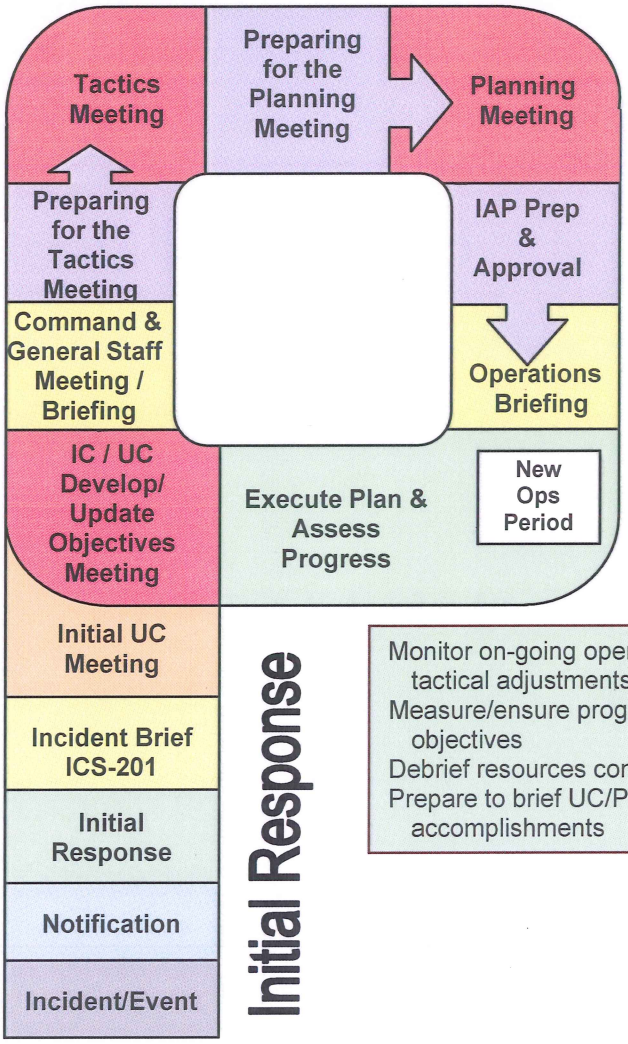
The Operational Planning "P"

OPS Section Chief develop strategy & tactics (plan of action for next OPS period to meet IC/UC direction, priorities, & objectives

Block of time set aside for the Command & General Staff to prepare for the Planning meeting, updating charts, maps, & OPS Section Chief's plan of action, i.e., Safety Plan, etc.

Meeting for the IC/UC, Command & General Staff, to review planned actions and finalize information that will be incorporated into the Incident Action Plan (IAP)
Get tacit approval from IC/UC on planned actions

Block of time set aside for OPS & Planning to discuss & document strategies, tactics & contingencies; time to draft ICS-215 & identify OPS organizational requirements.



Time block set aside for completing all documentation associated with the IAP
IC/UC approves IAP
Duplicate plan for distribution

Meet and brief Command & General Staff on IC/UC direction, objectives & priorities
Assign work tasks
Resolve problems & clarify staff roles and responsibilities

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

Establish priorities
Develop response objectives
Identify response emphasis
Agree on operating policy, procedures and guidelines

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

Determine UC representatives
Agree on organization structure
Identify command post & support facilities
Order appropriate staffing

Brief command on initial response activities
Clarify issues & concerns
Discuss planned operations & direction
Identify incident escalation potential

Management initial response activities
Conduct Initial Assessment
Develop plan of action
Complete ICS-201
Prepare for command briefing