

**EDMONTON**



**Unified Command at the  
Edmonton Indy  
Motor Race**

**Office of Emergency  
Preparedness**

# ICS Background

- **ICS 100 as self study guide**
- **ICS 200 and 300 in class**
- **Train Police, Fire, EMS, Transit, Public Works, Utilities, NGOs for use at incident site(s) and Emergency Operations Centre**
- **Exercise together on regular basis**

# Indy Motor Race

- **Three day event held each July**
- **Average daily attendance 25,000**
  - 2005 – West Edmonton Grand Prix
  - 2006 – West Edmonton Grand Prix presented by The Brick
  - 2007 – Rexall Grand Prix
  - 2008 – Rexall Grand Prix
  - 2009 – Rexall Edmonton Indy
  - 2010 – Honda Indy Edmonton

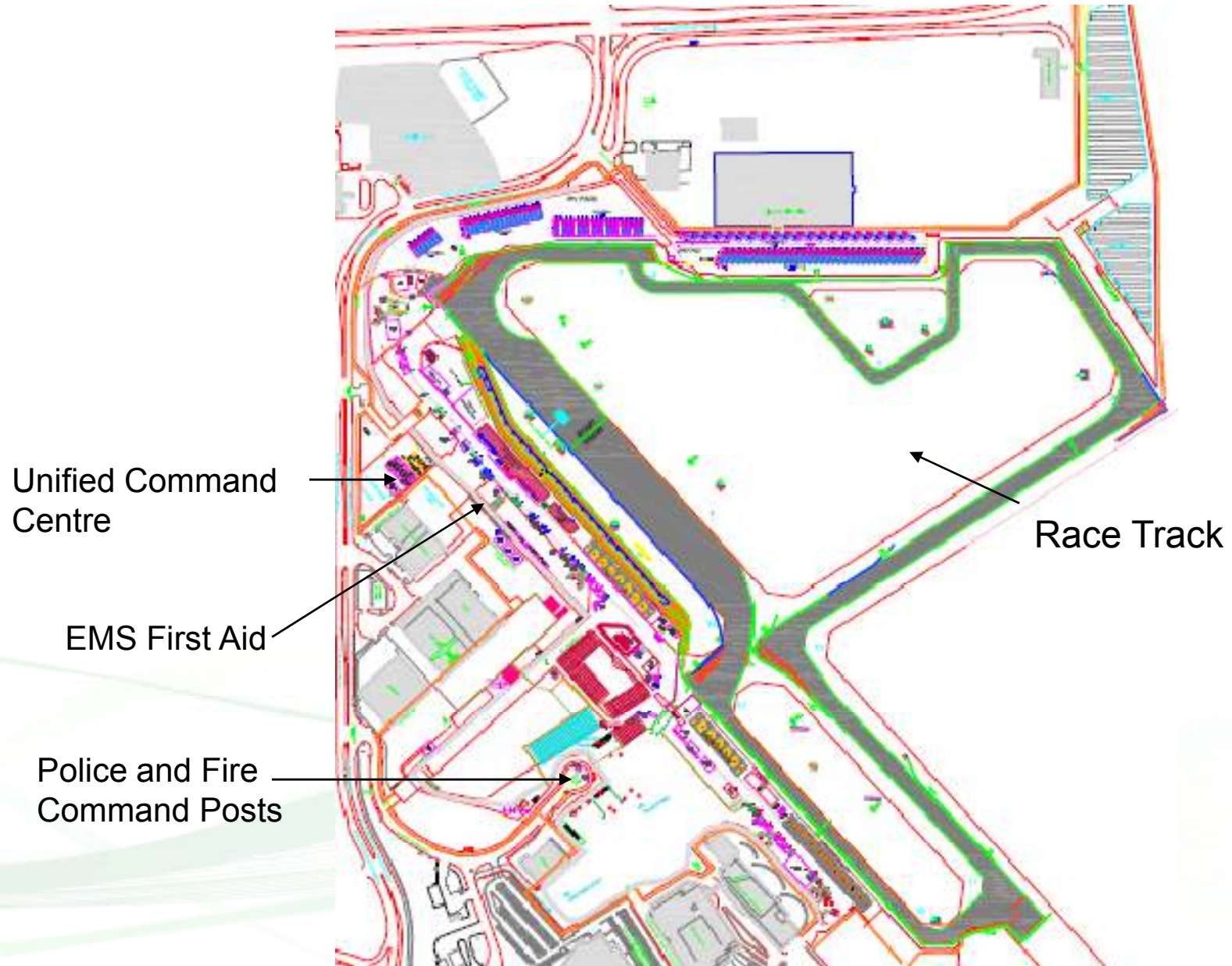


# Planning

- **Meetings start in January and held monthly up to and including June**
  - Police
  - Fire
  - EMS
  - Transit
  - Northlands (event organizer)
  - Bylaw (vendors)
  - Transportation
  - Civic Events



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# Response Structure (1 of 3)



- **2007 – Separate Incident Command Posts for Police and Fire**
- **2008 – Unified Command Centre with dispatchers**
- **2009 – Unified Command Centre with dispatchers**
- **2010 – Unified Command Centre with dispatchers**



# Response Structure (2 of 3)

- **Police, fire and EMS work out of their own command vehicles**
- **Dispatchers from Police, Fire, EMS and Northlands Security work in Unified Command Centre (UCC) with Northlands Risk Manager and COE OEP Liaison Officer**
- **Direct phone link to Race Control in UCC**
- **If a large scale incident occurs Incident Commanders from Fire, Police and EMS respond to and work from Unified Command Centre**



# Response Structure (3 of 3)



- Morning briefings held in Unified Command Centre approx. an hour before public gate opening each day of the race – review emergency plans, roles and responsibilities and goals and objectives for the day
- Calls dispatched from Unified Command Centre and resources respond accordingly

# Indy Photos



# 2010 Severe Weather Plan Activation

- **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> tracked storm cells**
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch issued early in morning**
- **Upgraded to Severe Thunderstorm Warning in late afternoon**
- **Pre-scripted announcements were used by television production for visual on screen and read over air by announcers to advise spectators of developing weather conditions**

# 2010 Severe Weather Plan Activation

- **Near the end of the last race dark clouds and lightning visible**
- **Risks were spectators in metal bleachers and television crew in scissor lifts**
- **Winds up to 80 km/hr lifting temporary vendor tents and blowing over signage**



## **2010 Severe Weather Plan Activation**

- **Through a coordinated effort bleachers were evacuated by Edmonton Police Service, volunteers and Northlands security**
- **Transit moved up bus pick up times**
- **No issue of re-entry as it was the end of the day and spectators went home**
- **Decision fully supported by Indy officials**