



Welcome to Civil Air Patrol

Thank you for volunteering to serve your community by joining Civil Air Patrol and Seattle Composite Squadron



This document is intended to help new senior members get started in CAP. This information:

- summarizes the three core programs of CAP,
- walks through the application process,
- lists initial required training,
- provides basic background information for new members and
- lays out training paths for various Emergency Services positions

For paths related to Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs, please speak to a squadron member.

This document does not stand alone and should be reviewed with you during your initial visits to Seattle Composite Squadron while considering membership.



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Civil Air Patrol's roots trace back to homeland coastal defense during World War II. Since then, CAP has become a non-profit corporation chartered by Congress to perform missions on behalf of the United States and acts as the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the US Air Force when engaged by the federal government.

If you are not yet a member and still considering whether to join CAP, please see this Fact Sheet from CAP National Headquarters for a brief overview of the history of CAP and our primary missions:



[CAP Fact Sheet](#)

More information is available on our website:



<http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com>

For comments and questions, please visit:



<http://www.capseattle.org>



Aerospace Education

- Support to schools
- Model rocketry
- Teacher orientation flights
- Aerospace science
- College credit



Cadet Programs

- Leadership
- Aerospace Education
- Fitness
- Character
- Orientation Flights
- Activities







Emergency Services


- Aerial Search
- Ground Search and Rescue
- Disaster Relief
- Aerial Photography






Senior Member Professional Development Program

Level V	NSC National Staff College	Gill Robb Wilson Award		Lt Col
Level IV	RSC Region Staff College	Paul E. Garber Award		Maj
Level III	CLC Corporate Learning Course	Grover Loening Award		Capt
Level II	SLS Squadron Leadership School	Benjamin O. Davis Award	(no ribbon)	1st Lt
Level I	Orientation Course	Membership Ribbon		2nd Lt

Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members








Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Award		AEPISM
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Specialty Track Rating

	Master	
	Senior	
1st Lt		Technician

Additional training and experience open up award and promotion opportunities...

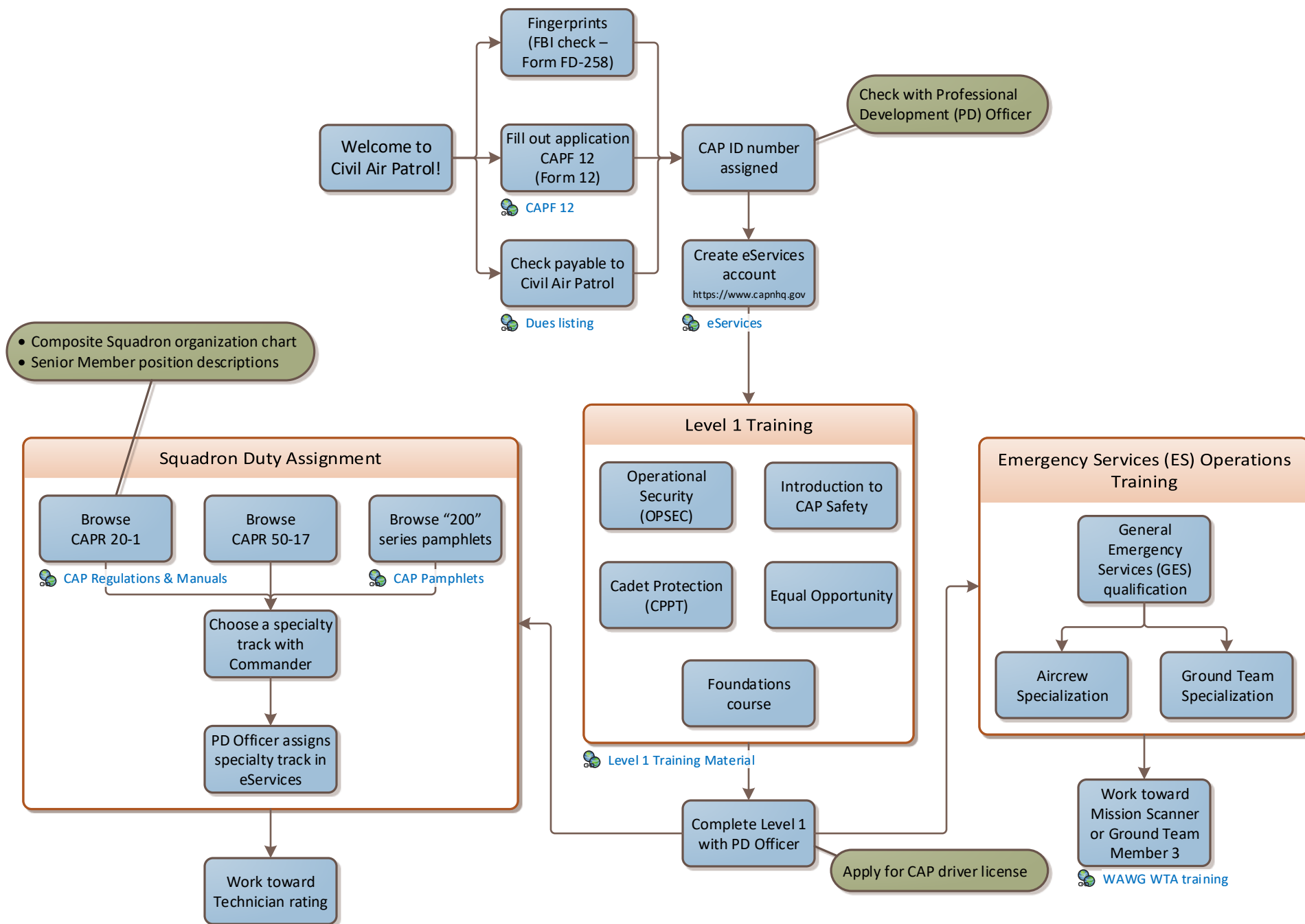


CAPM 39-1 ref.:	Service Uniform		Working & Utility Uniforms			Flight Duty Uniforms	
	USAF-style §4.1.9, §4.1.10	Corp. Aviator Shirt §4.2.5, §4.2.6	USAF-style BDU §5.1.1	Corp. Field Uniform §5.2.1	Corp. Polo §5.2.2	USAF-style §8.2	Corp. FDU §8.3
Example							
Shirt	Long or short sleeve AF blue shirt White undershirt	Long or short sleeve white aviator shirt	Long sleeve woodland green camouflage Black t-shirt or turtleneck; black, brown, white or cream thermal	CAP blue field blouse Black t-shirt	Long or short sleeve blue CAP polo	Olive drab Nomex flight suit Black t-shirt	Blue flight suit Black thermals (optional)
Pants	AF blue pants / skirt AF blue belt	Gray pants / skirt Black belt	Woodland green camouflage Blue or black belt	CAP blue BDU-style Blue or black belt	Gray pants / skirt Black belt		
Footwear	Polished black shoes or boots Black socks	Black shoes Black socks	Black boots Black socks	Black boots or shoes Black socks	Black shoes Black socks	Black boots Black, white, tan or green socks	Black boots or shoes Black or white socks
Grade insignia	Gray epaulets	Gray epaulets	Embroidered white on blue (none for SM on Corporate-style)		None	Plastic-encased	Plastic-encased or embroidered
Nametag	Gray 3-line		Embroidered blue nametape and CAP ID tape		None	Black leather	Black leather
Headgear	Flight cap or service cap	CAP baseball cap (optional)	BDU cap, CAP baseball cap or black watch cap	CAP blue field cap, CAP baseball cap or blue boonie hat (optional)	CAP baseball cap (optional)	Flight cap	CAP baseball cap (optional)
Misc	Ribbons, badges, devices (optional) AF blue tie or tab required for long sleeve		Badges, insignia, patches (optional)		None	CAP command patch Flag shoulder patch CAP shoulder patch (optional)	CAP command patch Flag shoulder patch CAP shoulder patch (optional)

Options for obtaining uniforms include:

- Squadron storage room
- Vanguard Industries
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord AAFES
- Surplus shops near JBLM
- eBay

As the USAF Aux, CAP members may wear Air Force style uniforms, but there are many options for the jobs we perform...



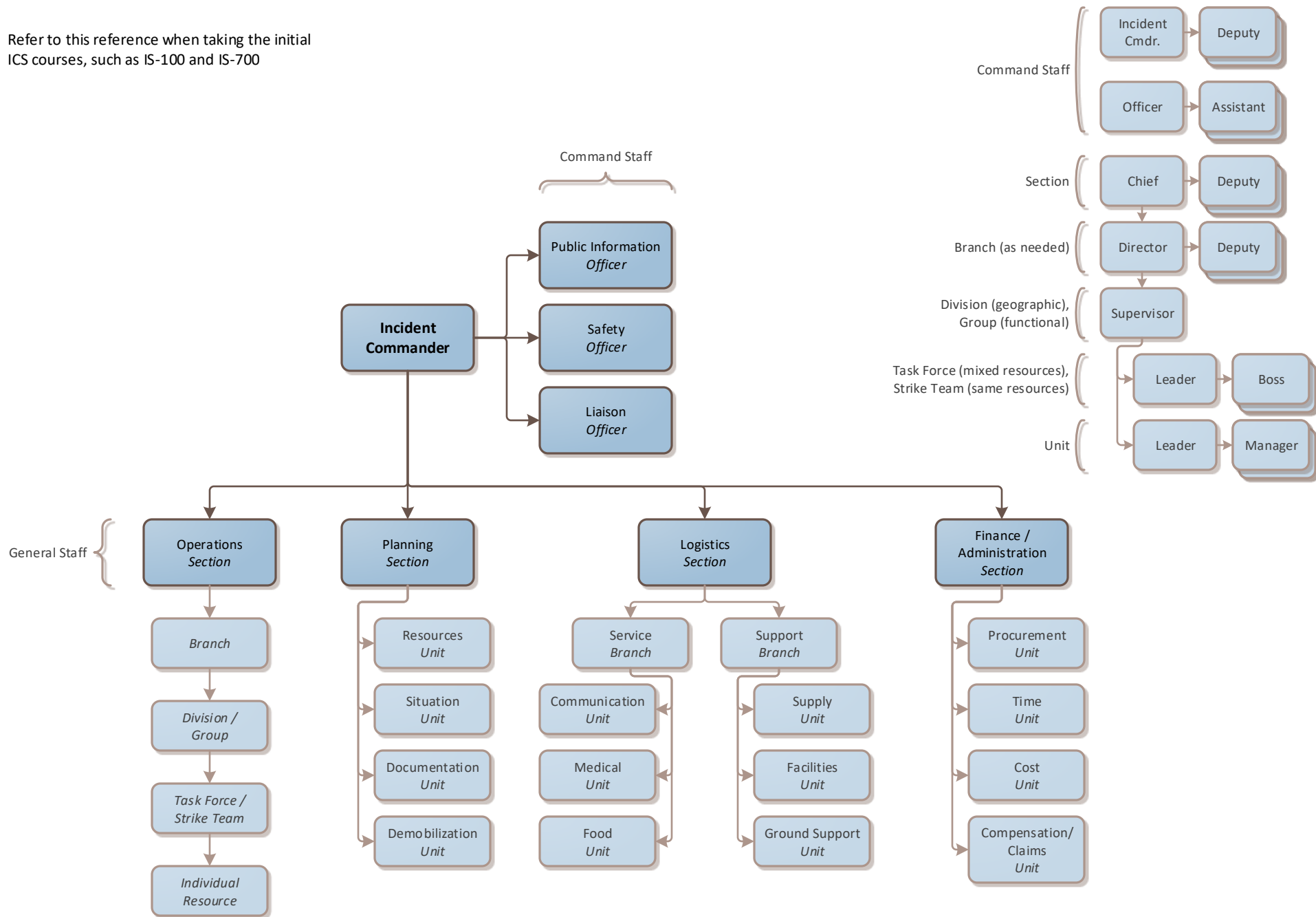
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FEMA Incident Command System

Organizational Structure



Refer to this reference when taking the initial ICS courses, such as IS-100 and IS-700



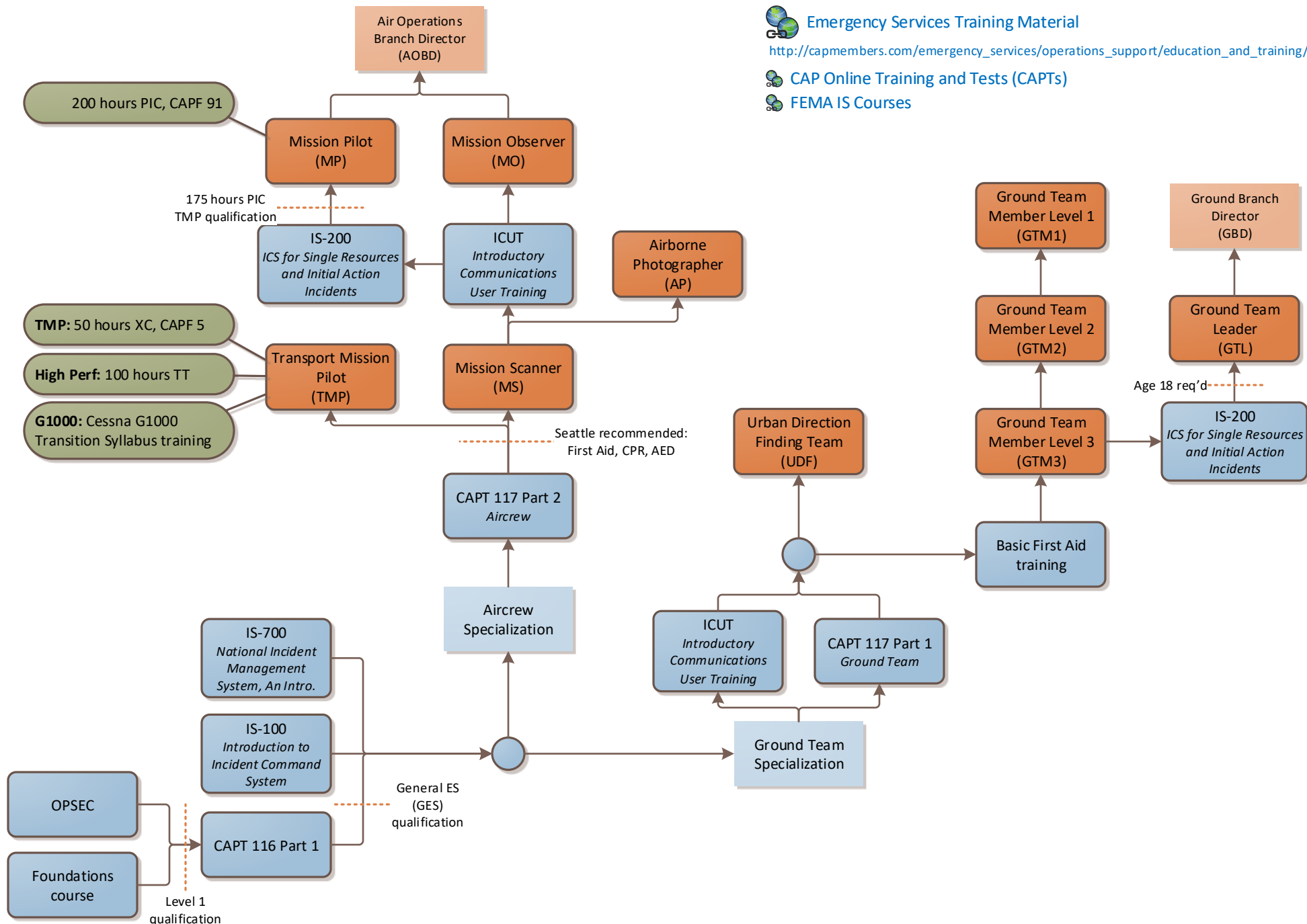


Emergency Services Training Material

http://capmembers.com/emergency_services/operations_support/education_and_training/

CAP Online Training and Tests (CAPTs)

FEMA IS Courses



Senior members may train to achieve many operational roles – in the field...



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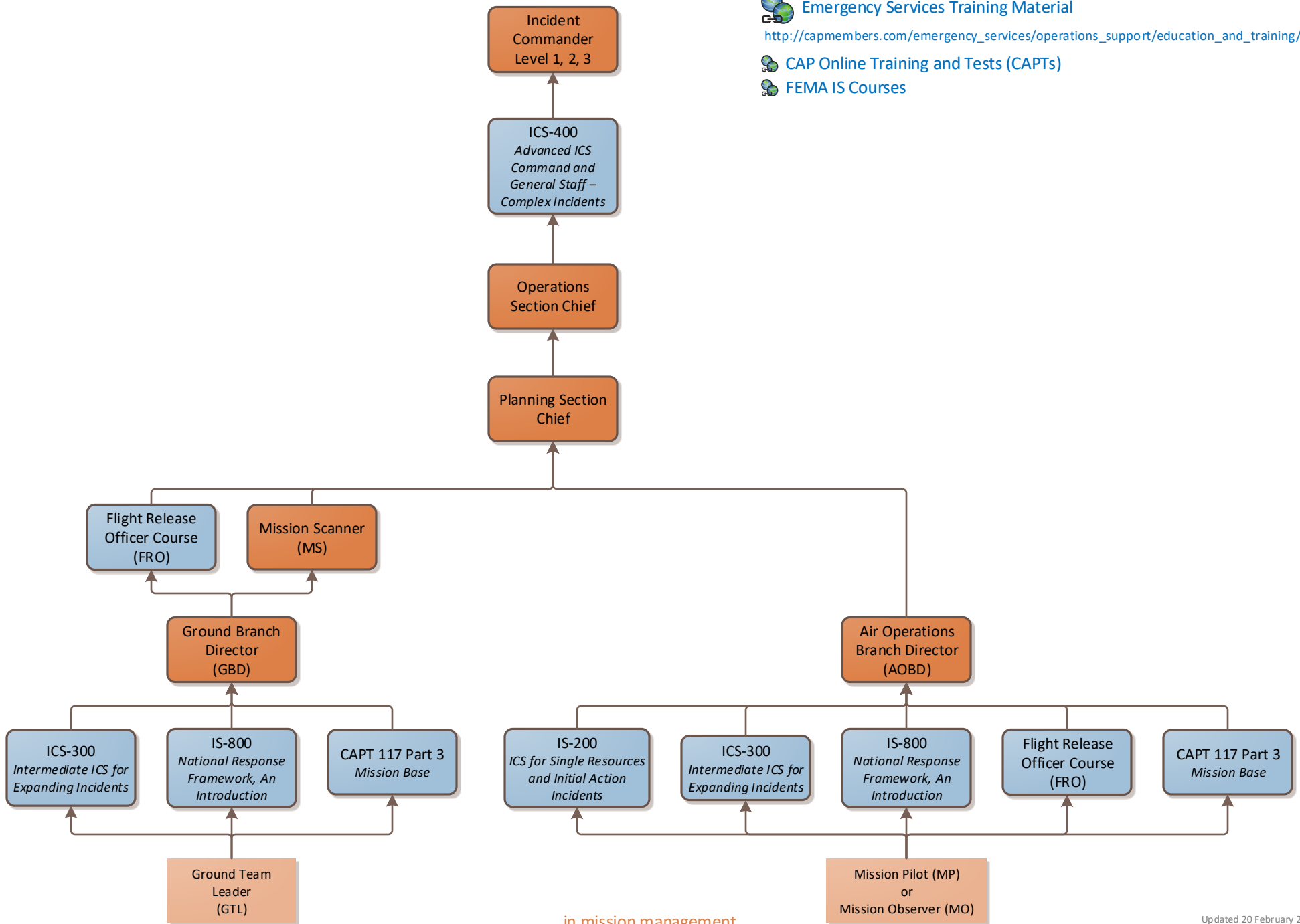
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FEMA IS Courses



...in mission management...

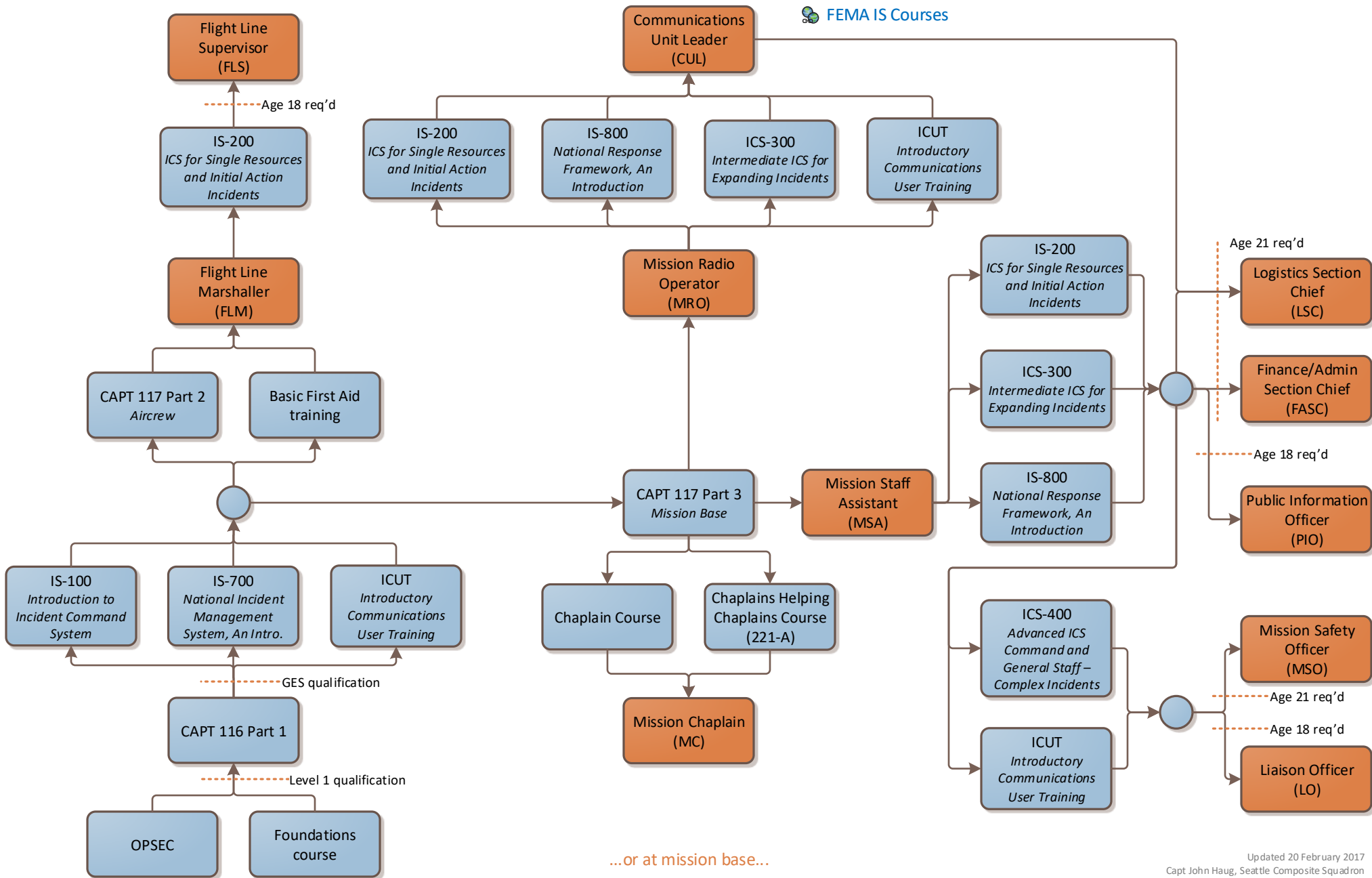


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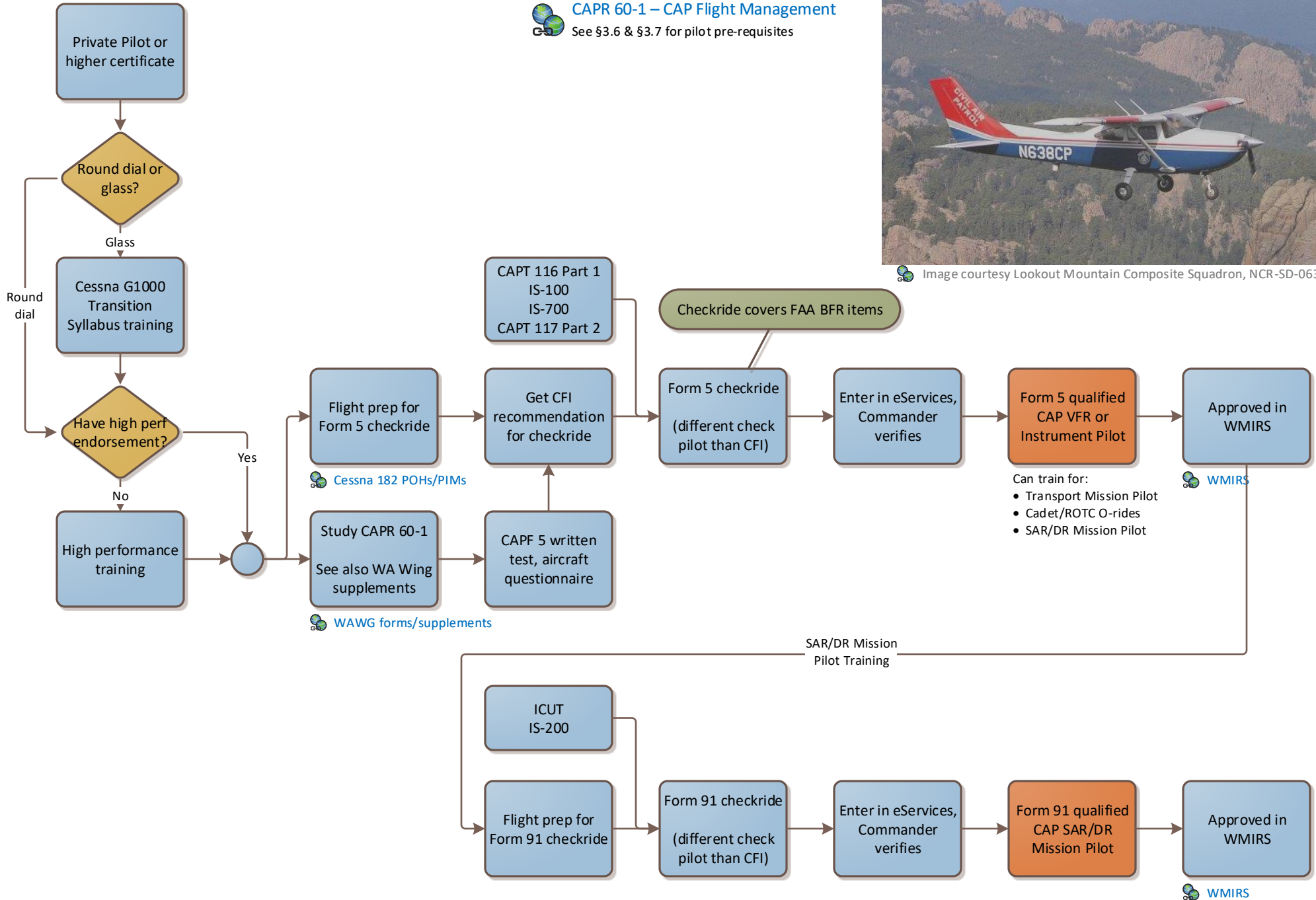
CAP Pilot & Mission Pilot Training

CAPF 5 (Form 5)
CAPF 91 (Form 91)

 CAPR 60-1 – CAP Flight Management
See §3.6 & §3.7 for pilot pre-requisites



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FAA pilots may train to become CAP pilots to support Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education needs...

