



Acronyms and Terminology

Purpose

This training note provides information on the range of terms and definitions you may encounter in training and during a SAVEM activation. This will assist with consistency in the use of words and avoid ambiguity.

Confusion in emergency management often arises from a misunderstanding over words because of the many different agencies that come together during an incident. Therefore it is important to understand what is meant by the terminology being used.

Acronyms and Terms

ABCD	Attitude, Behaviour, Culture, Discipline
AIIMS™	Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System™
BOM	Bureau of Meteorology
SA CFS	South Australian Country Fire Service
Chain of Command	Chain of command is a hierarchy of authority that stipulates who can task you, and who you report to.
Command	The act of directing or ordering internally in an agency. Command operates vertically within an agency.
Common Operating Picture	A shared and consistent understanding the IMT and other stakeholders have of the incident. This is used to support decision making.
Control	The overall direction of activities during an incident, the authority for which is established in legislation. Operates horizontally between organisations.
Control Agency	Responsible under legislation for the response and recovery phases of an incident for their hazard type. The Control Agency for various hazards are identified in the State Emergency Management Plan.
Coordination	The bringing together of various organisations/resources to support a response

DEW	Department of Environment and Water
EM	Emergency Management. A range of measures to manage risks to communities and the environment.
FCP	Forward Command Post
FSG	Functional Support Group - comprised of both government and non-government agencies (Participating Agencies) to perform functional roles to support the Control Agency or Support Agencies.
IAP	Incident Action Plan The plan used to describe the incident objectives, strategies and resources for a specified operational period
IC	Incident Controller The individual responsible for the management of all control activities across an incident.
IMT	Incident Management Team The group of personnel comprised of the Incident Controller, Planning Officer, Operations Officer and Logistics Officer as a minimum. This team decides and agrees on objectives and strategies for the incident.
Participating Organisation	SAVEM is one of eight Participating Organisations with expertise called upon to support PIRSA in delivering its Support Agency responsibilities. Must have a clearly defined role supported by appropriate plans and procedures.
PIRSA	Primary Industry and Regions South Australia. PIRSA can have a role as either a control or support agency under state arrangements.
PPC	Personal Protective Clothing
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPRR	Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery.
SAPOL	South Australia Police
SAVEM	South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management
SEMP	State Emergency Management Plan. A plan under the SA Emergency Management Act (2004) detailing roles and responsibilities during an emergency.

SitRep	Situation Report. A time-framed report that is an update on activities during the response.
SMEACS	Briefing format. Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration/Logistics, Control/Communications, Safety
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures. A set of step-by-step instructions detailing how volunteers should carry out routine procedures.
Strategy	Outlines the approach to be taken in working towards achievement of an objective.
Support Agency	Supports the nominated Control Agency. Subject to direction (i.e. control) by the Control Agency.
Tactics	The tasking of personnel and resources to implement the incident strategies. Incident control tactics are implemented in accordance with agency procedures and safety directives.
TGK	To Go Kit
ZEST	Zone Emergency Support Team. A team of local agency representatives who supports the control agency through coordination of local resources. Usually lead by SAPOL.