

# Wisconsin's EAB Response Plan Past, Present & Future

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# EAB Response Plans

- A work planning tool
- Organize staff to carry out specific tasks
- Answers the following questions
  - Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?



# Wisconsin's Approach

- Modeled after the Gypsy Moth STS program
- Cooperative
  - DATCP
  - DNR
  - UW & UW Extension
  - USDA-APHIS
  - USDA-USFS

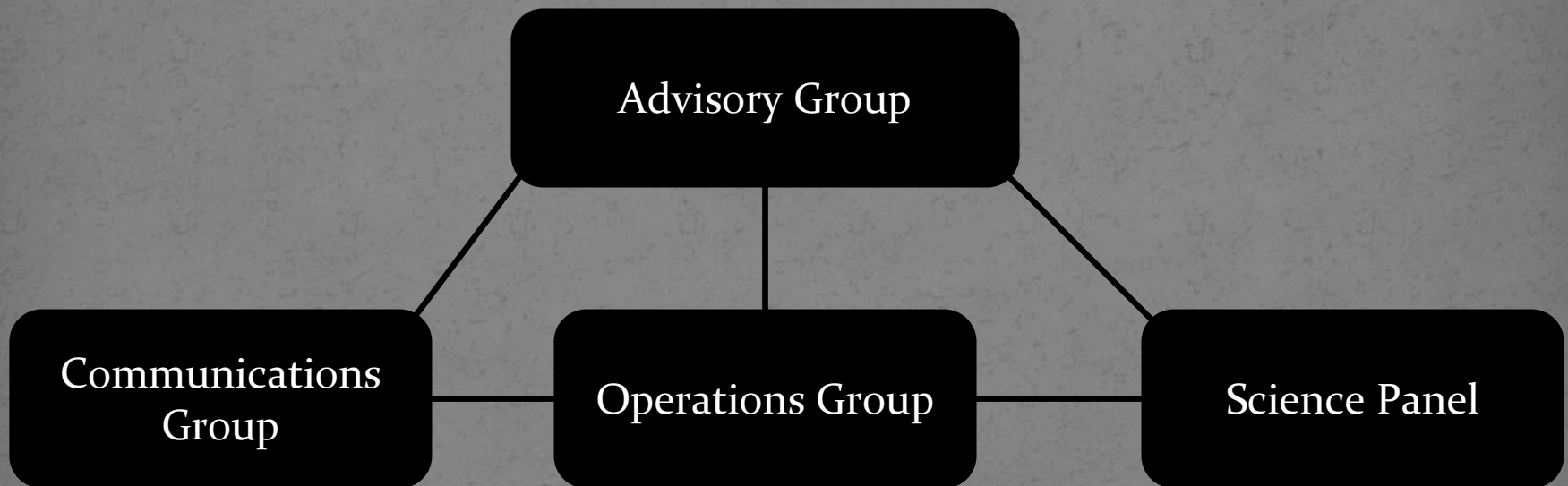


# Agency Roles

|                   |                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Wisconsin DNR     | Resource Management                       |
| Wisconsin DATCP   | Pest Survey & Regulation                  |
| UW & UW Extension | Research & Outreach                       |
| USDA-APHIS-PPQ    | Survey, Regulation, Research & Funding    |
| USFS              | Resource Management,<br>Research, Funding |

# Wisconsin's EAB Response Structure

- State's first response plan approved in 2006
- Response structure developed in 2007

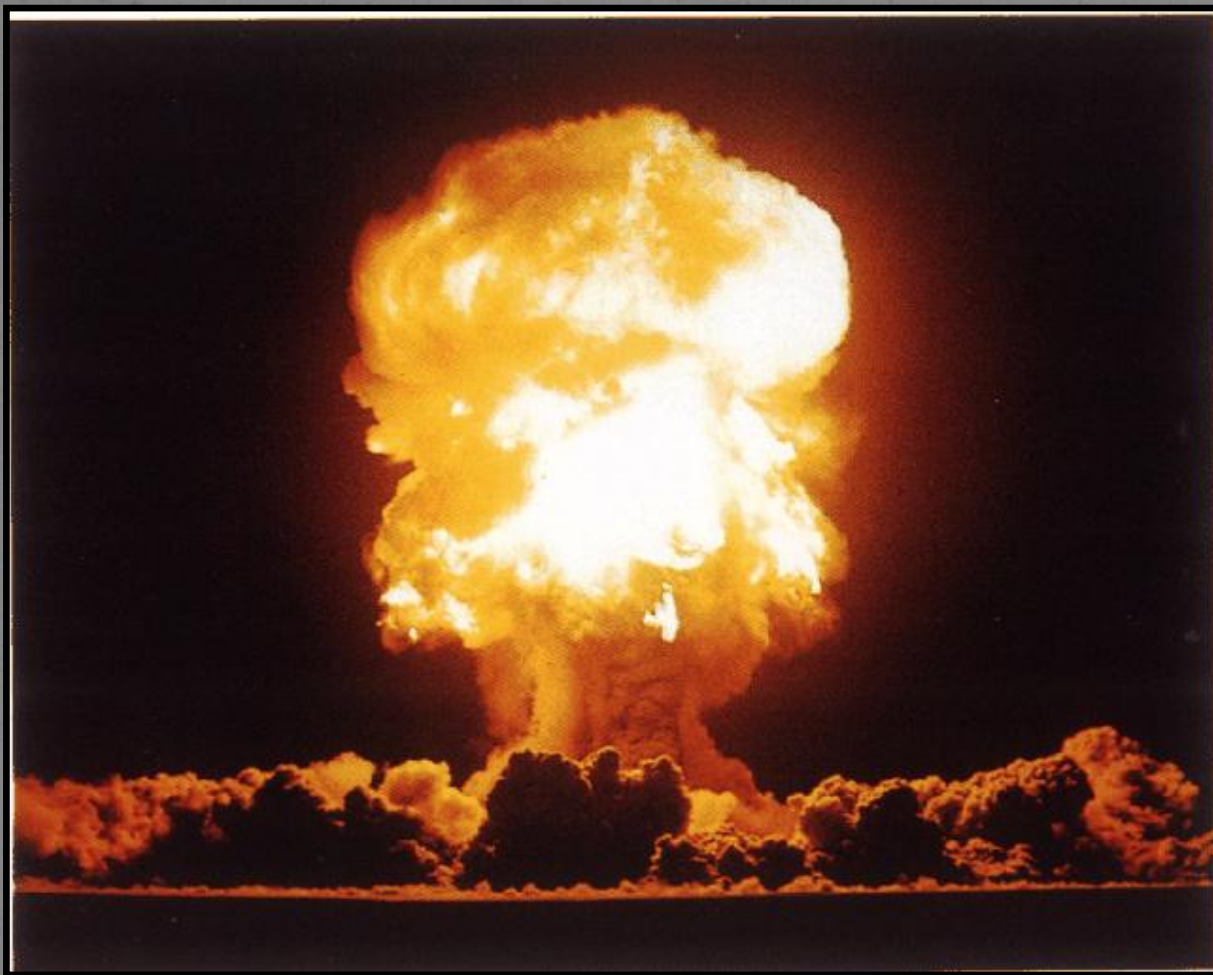


# Plan Revisions - 2008

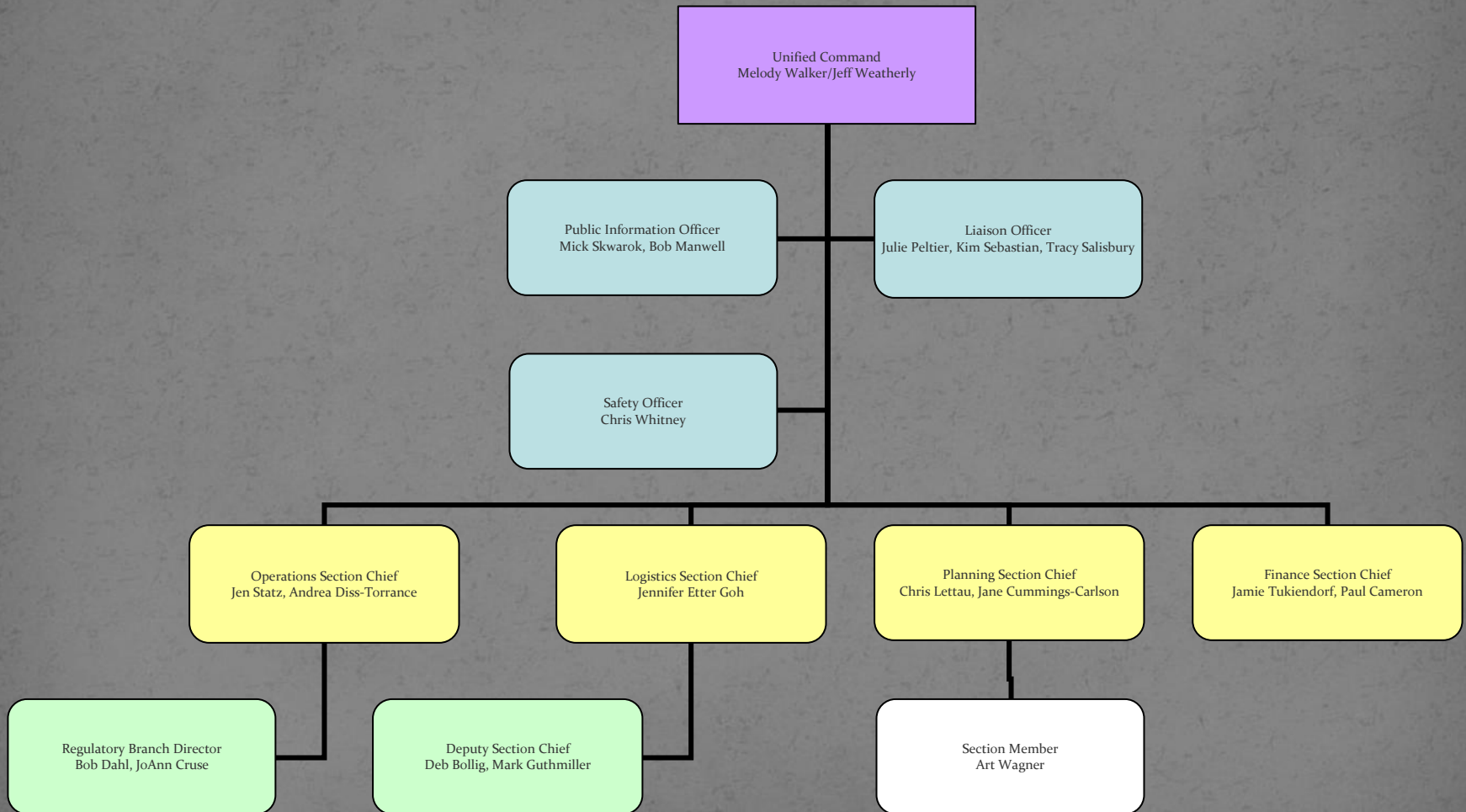
- Response Plan revised, updated & approved in July
- Revisions show an increase in available survey & management tools
- Eradication is no longer the focal point
- ICS plays a major role in organizing agency staff



# EAB Detected – August, 2008



# Wisconsin's 1<sup>st</sup> EAB ICS Team

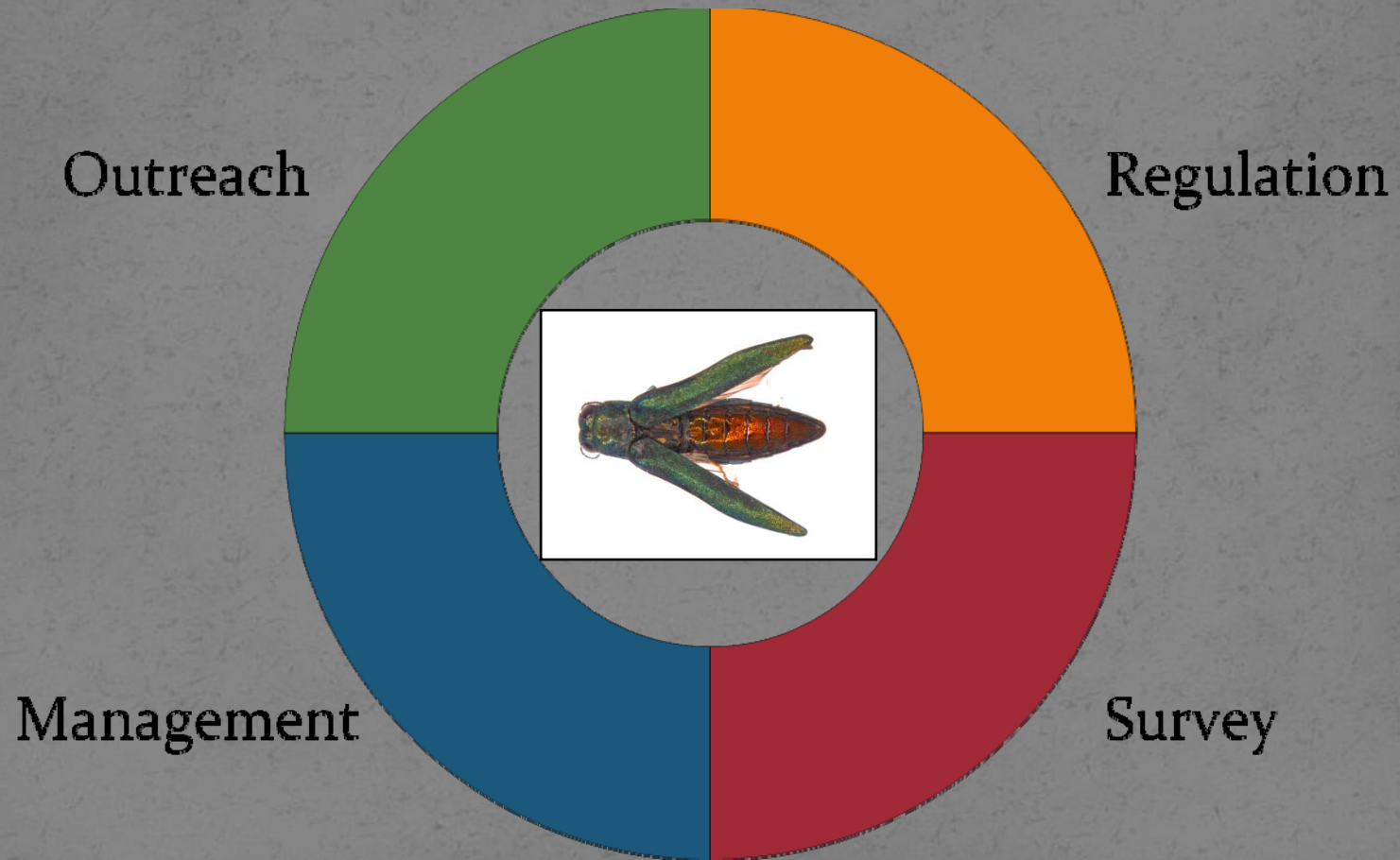


# Problems

- Resources!
  - Staff
  - Time
  - Funding for meetings and travel
- Not streamlined
- Lacked a local approach
- Could not make real-time decisions



# Solutions

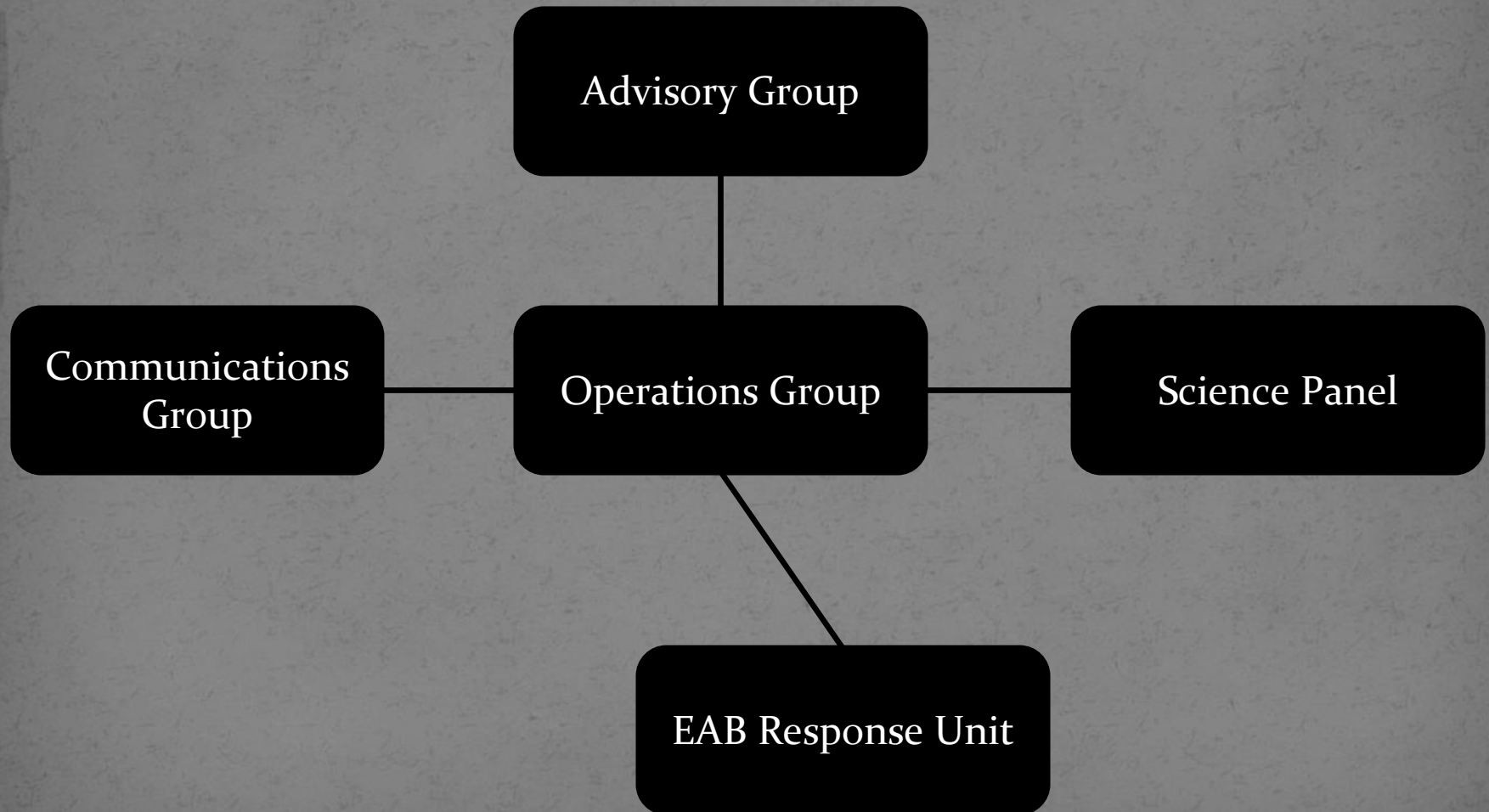


# Solutions

- Response Unit Team
  - 4 Staff
    - Outreach
    - Survey
    - Regulatory
    - Management
  - Most locally based
  - Team works for 1 year



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- Goals for Response Units:
  - Better communication
  - Thoughtful use of available resources
  - Application of most current research & technologies
  - Maintain flexibility
  - Transition from response mode to “business as usual”



# Looking Ahead

- Response Plan is a living document
- Take feedback from current response units to continue improving response methods
- Incorporate proven research into survey & management strategies
- Continue to communicate & cooperate with partners at local, state & federal levels

# What Wisconsin Learned

- An EAB Response Plan IS a helpful tool !!!
- During plan development :
  - Determine goals & priorities
  - Note key players & their roles
  - Consider local and regional resources
  - Flexibility is key
- After implementation:
  - Keep talking! (This is a learning experience.)
  - Find out what is working
  - Make changes as necessary

*Thank You!*

