

Is activating the ventilation system dependent on operators

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Introduction

- Activating the ventilation system



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- Activating the ventilation system
 - Tunnel fire
 - Station fire
 - Other scenarios
 - Quicker the activation, the better

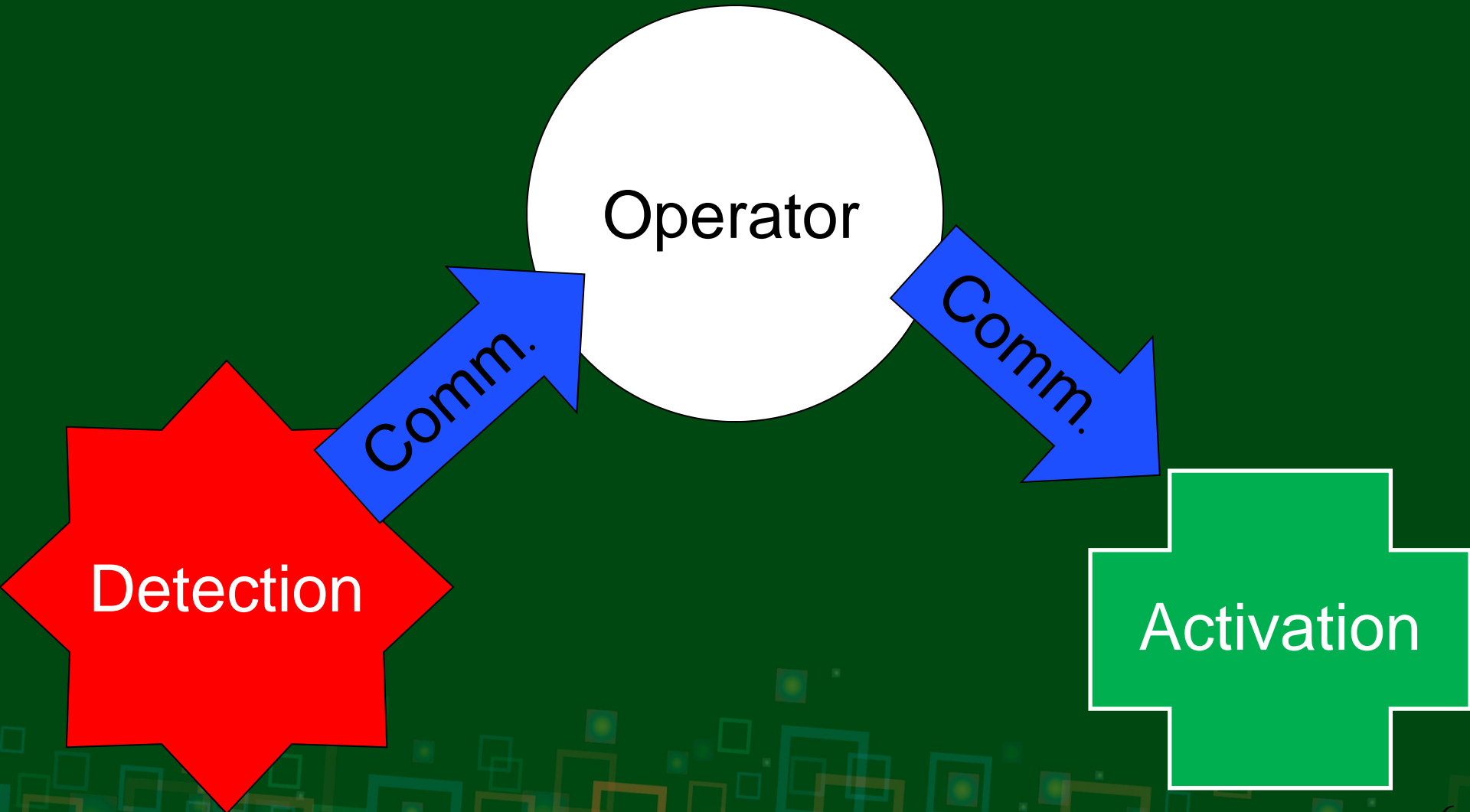
Overview

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- Steps to activation
- Activation Issues
- Process, procedure, and training

Steps to activation



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Detection

- Detection
 - Passenger (train, station)
 - Employee (train, station, remote)
 - Automatic detection

Steps to activation



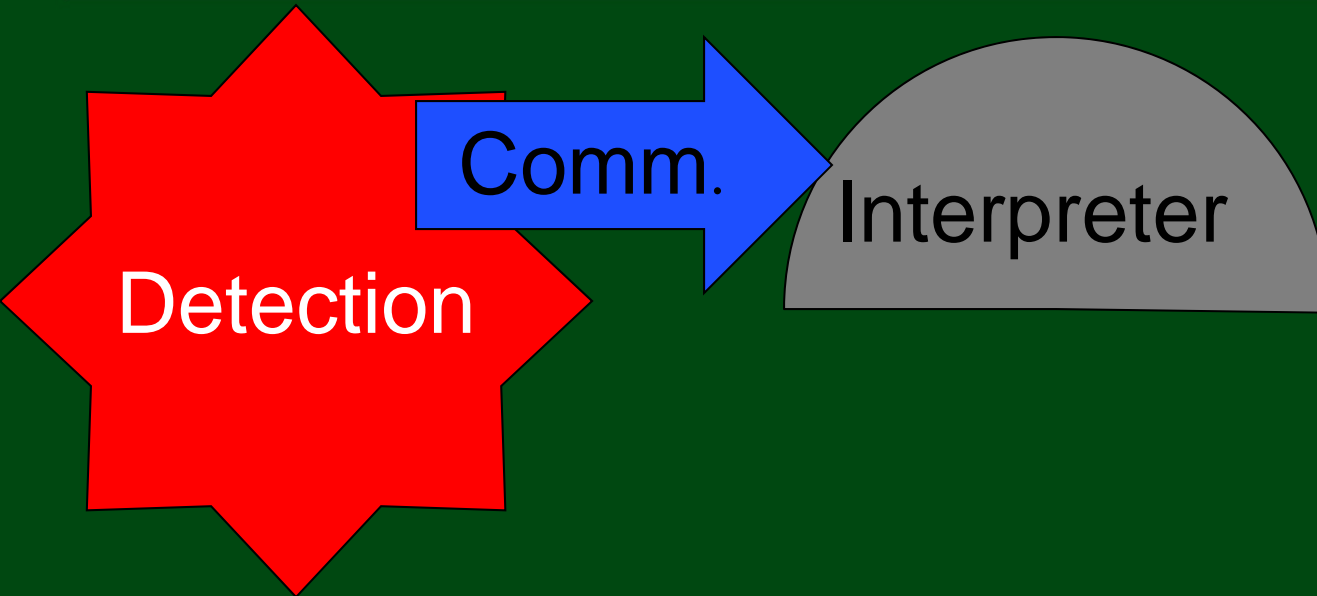
Detection



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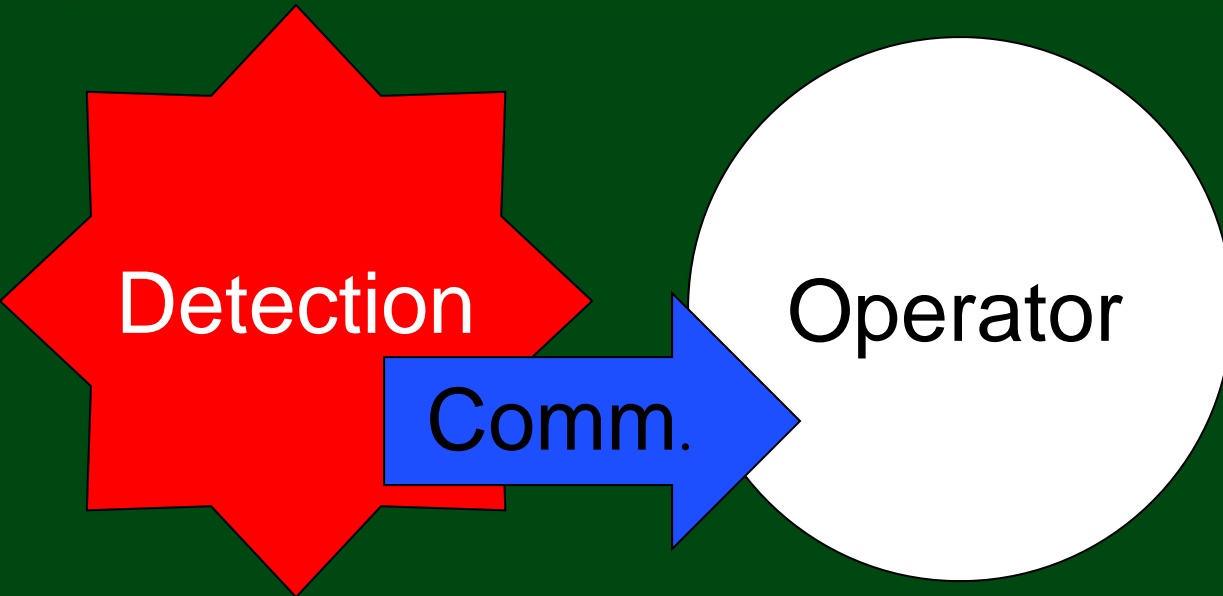
- Communication
 - Intercom
 - Radio
 - SCADA
 - Audio and video

Steps to activation



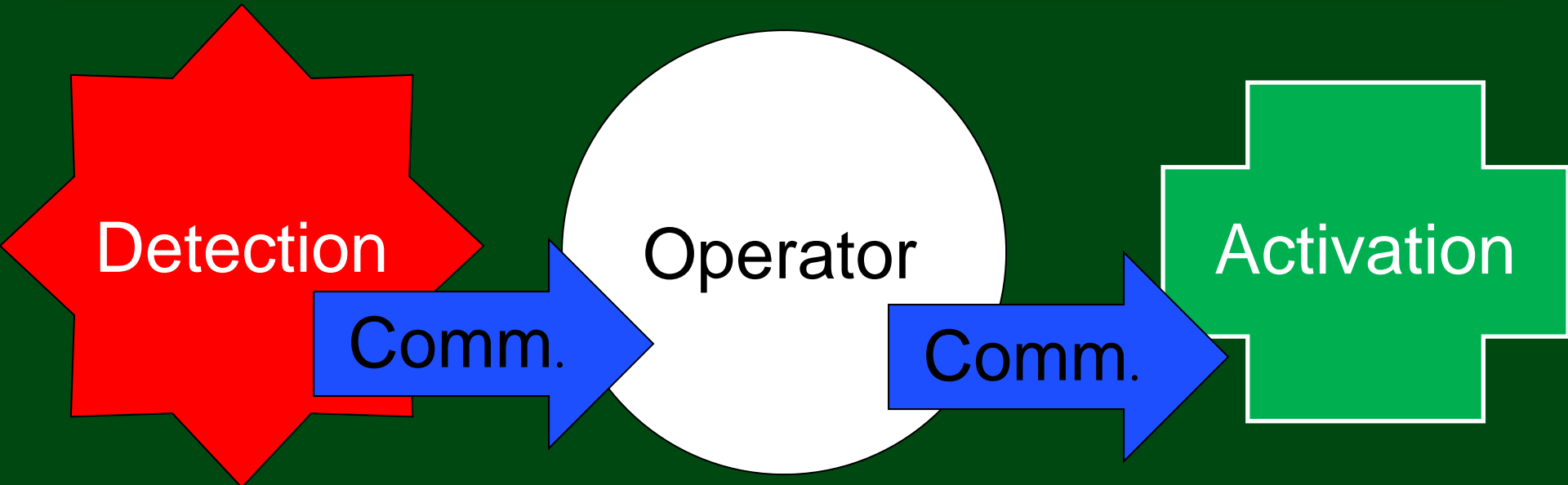
- Interpreter part of detection
 - Train operator
 - Station attendant
 - Customer service

Steps to activation



- Operator
 - Operations control center (OCC)
 - Obtain information
 - Action

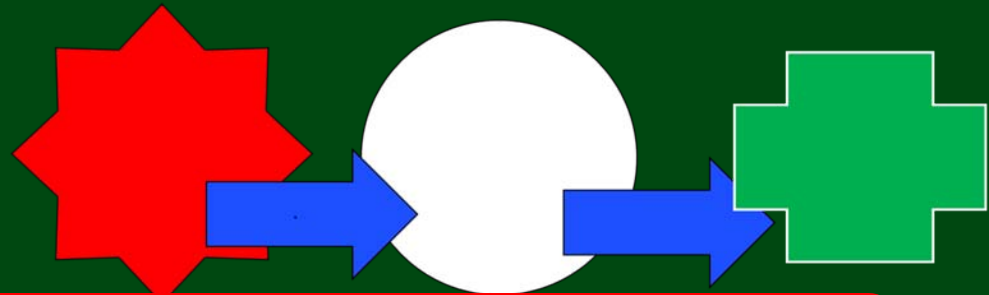
Steps to activation



- Activation
 - Communication path
 - Ventilation mode
 - First responders
 - Coordination

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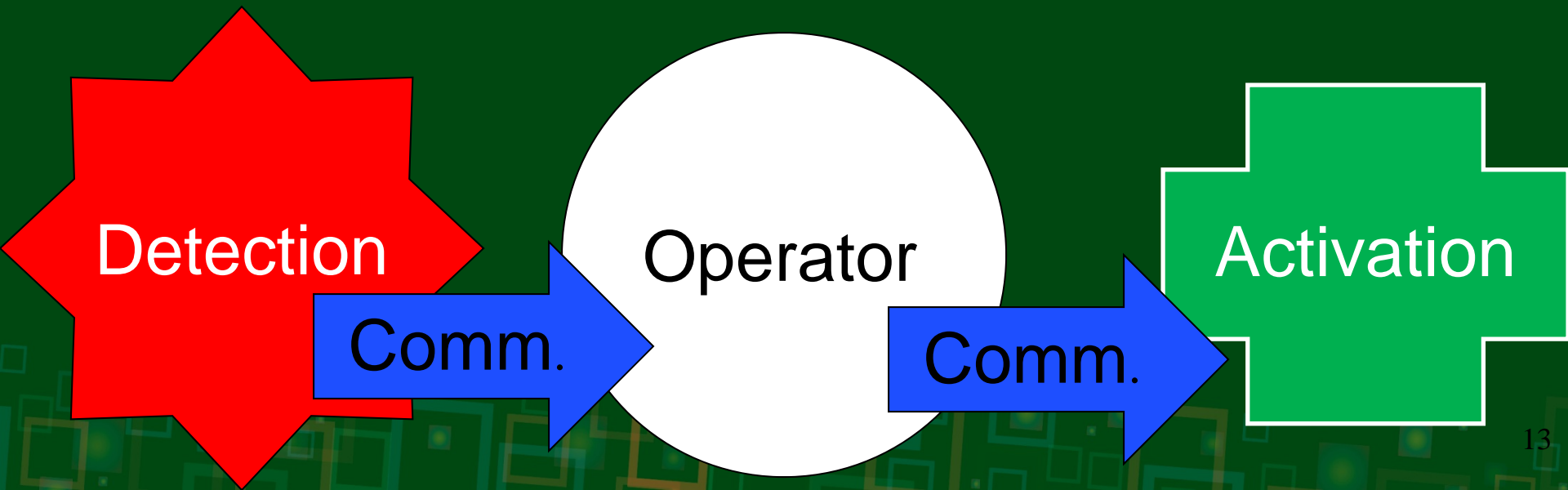
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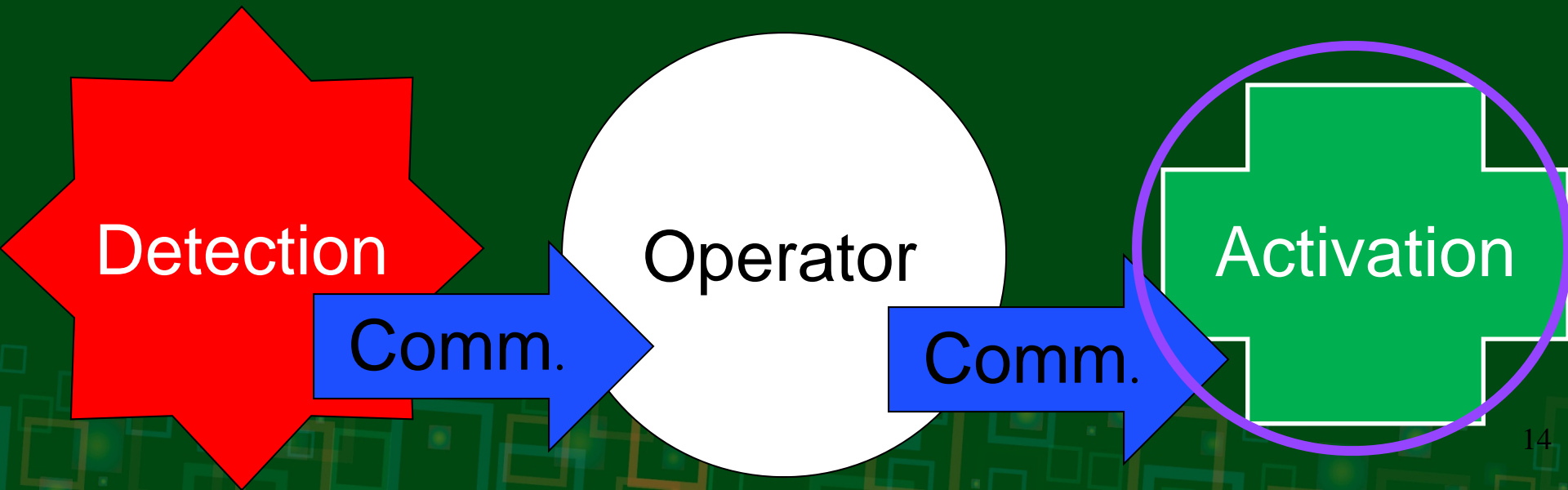
Activation Issues

- False alarms
- Information collection
- No activation
- Wrong activation

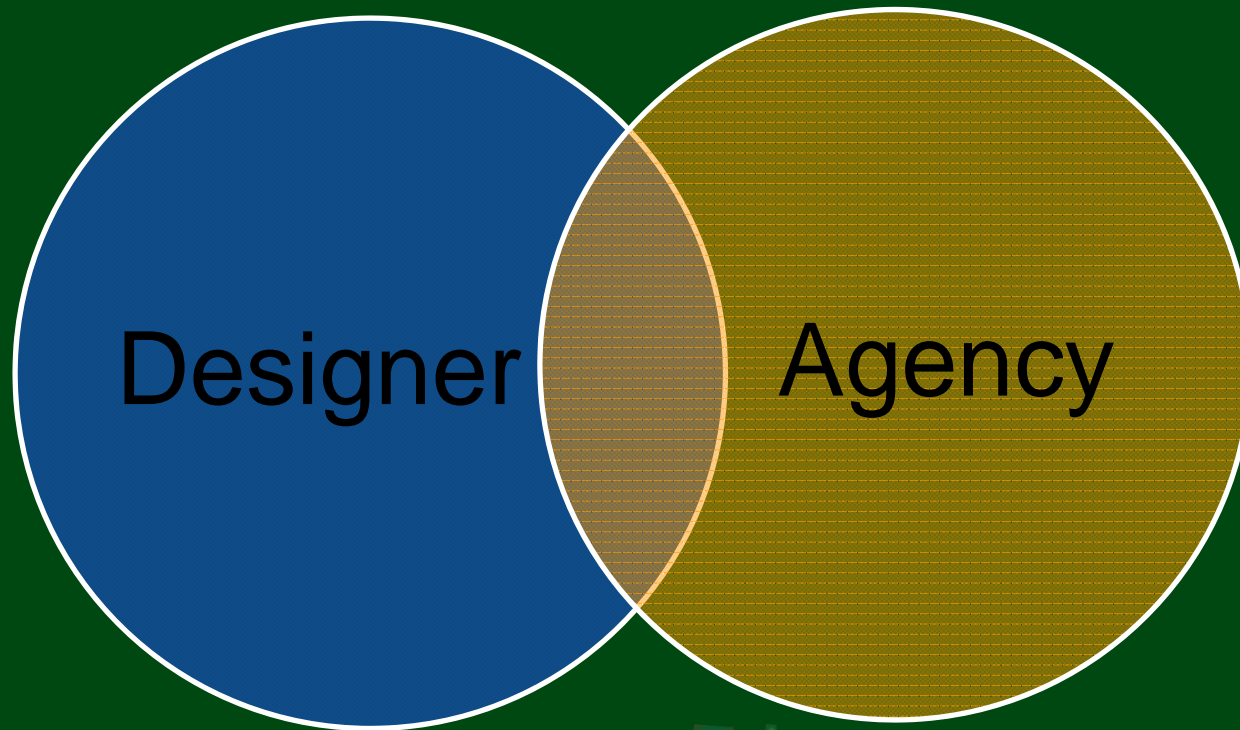


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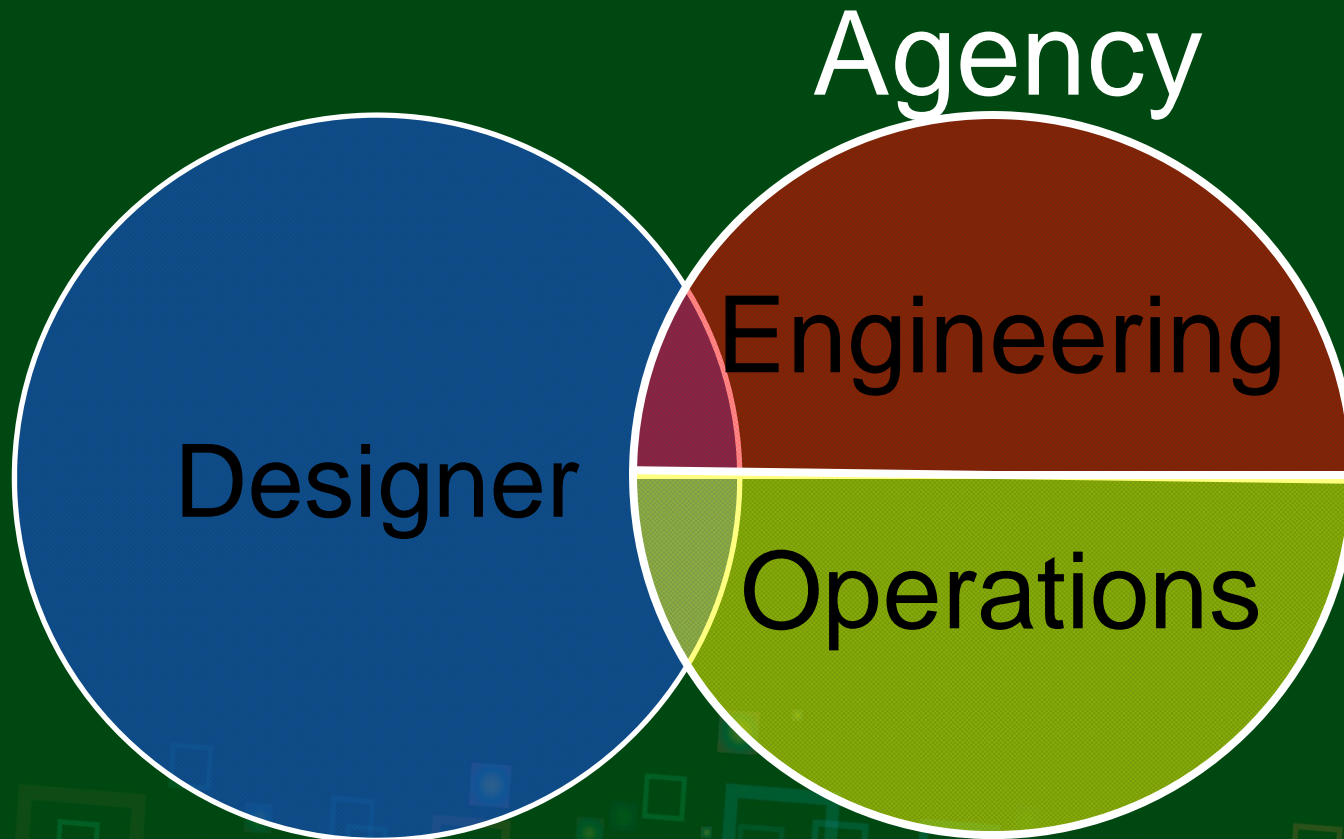
- NFPA 130
 - 180 Seconds applies to activation
 - Time of tenability



Activation Issues

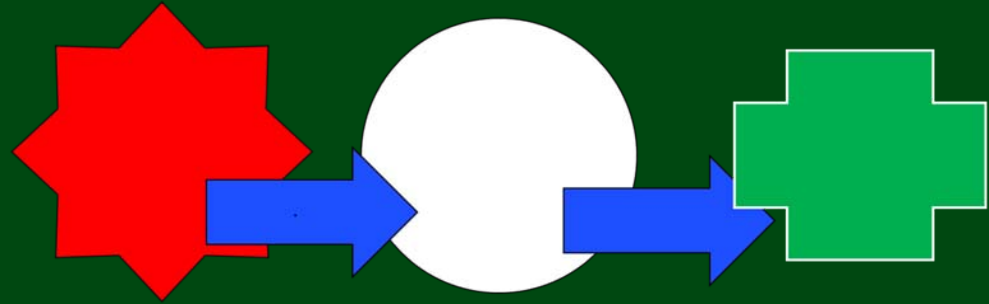


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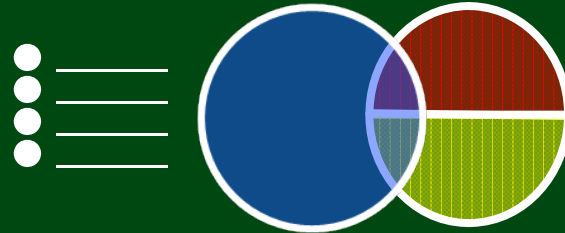


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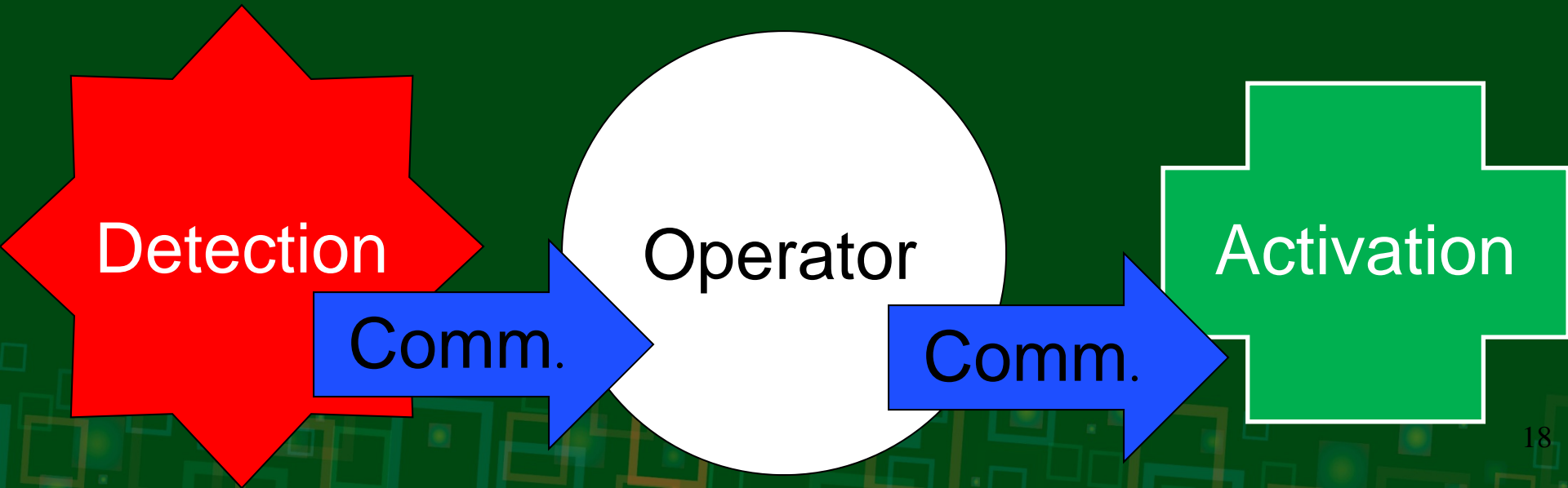
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- Process, procedure, and training

Process, procedures, and training

- Process
 - Detection
 - Interpreters
 - Communications
 - Operators
 - Activators



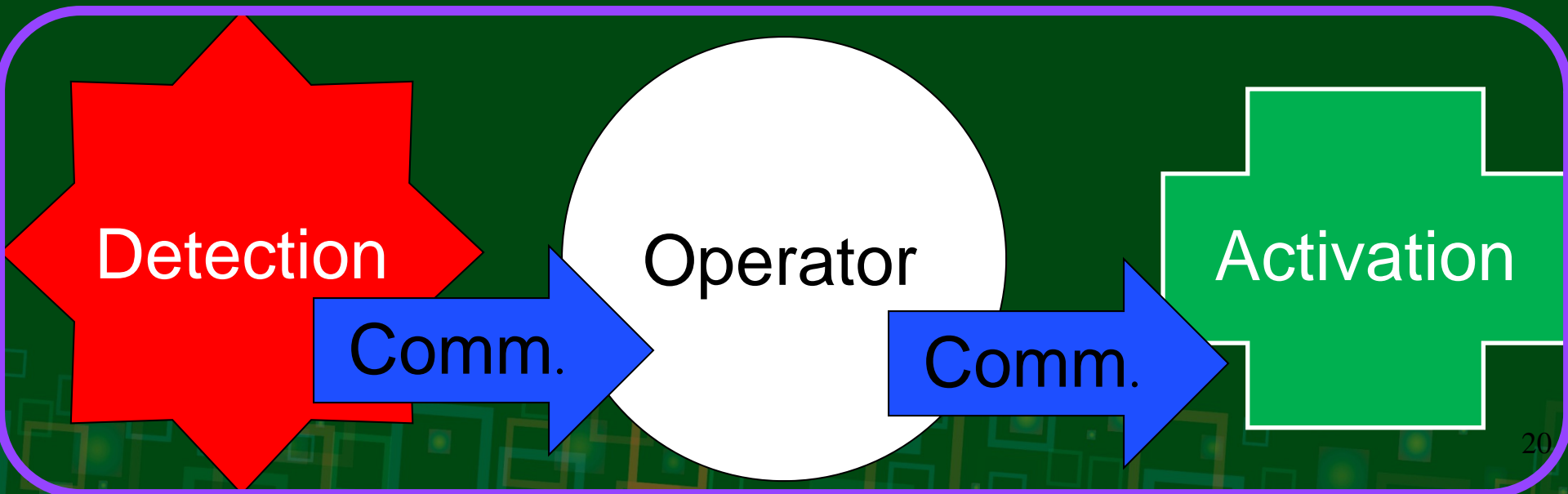
Process, procedures, and training

- Alternative Process?
 - Automatic activation
 - Example: Station heat detectors



Process, procedures, and training

- Procedures
 - Detection - Parameters
 - Interpreters - Transmission
 - Communications
 - Operators - Decisions
 - Activators – Do it



Process, procedures, and training

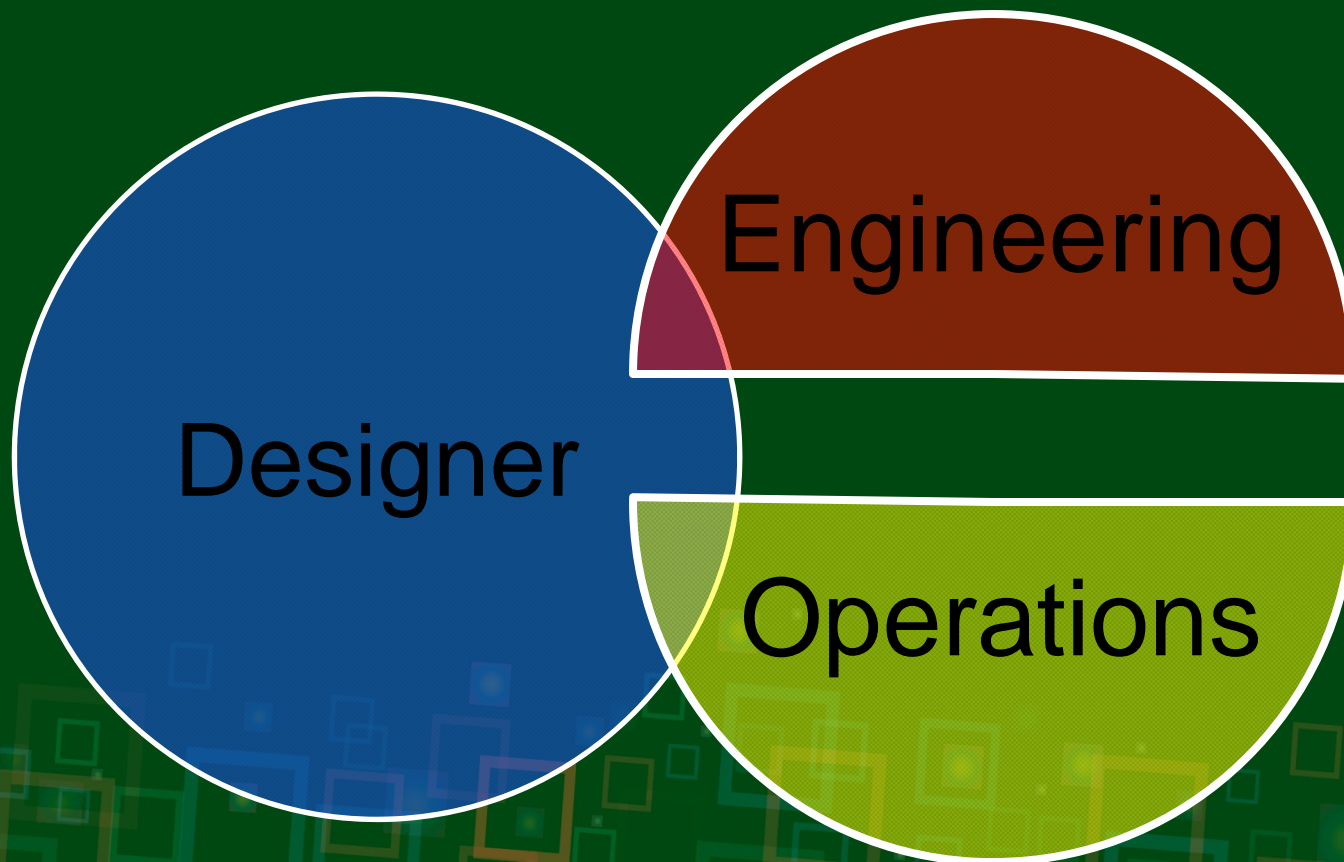
- Procedures
 - Keep it simple stupid (KISS)
 - Stations
 - Reflex reaction
 - Tunnel
 - Activation is important
 - Activate to save some
 - Default is to activate
 - No activation by exception only

Process, procedures, and training

- Training
 - NFPA 130
 - Drills and review courses (9.2.5)
 - Two drills per year with first responders (9.10.2)
 - Table top exercises
 - Real time
 - Practice communication pathways

Communication, procedures, and training

- Training
 - Testing procedures



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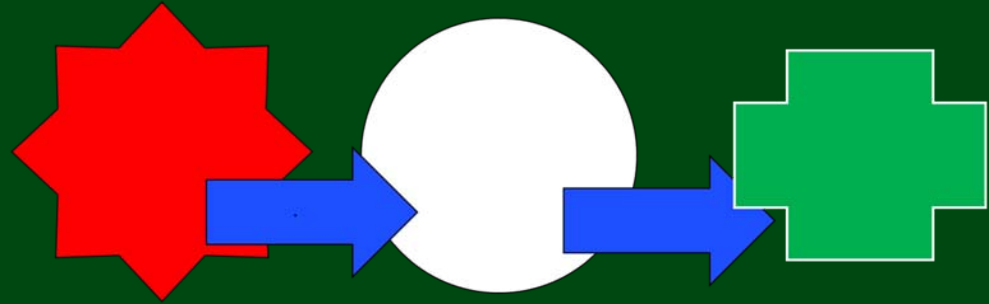
Process, procedures, and training

- 15 Lessons learned
 - Control-Alt-Delete
 - “Google Maps” for all control staff

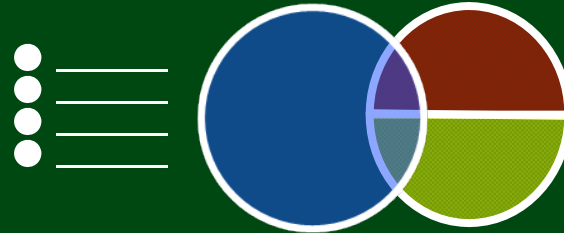


Conclusion

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- Process, procedure, and training

