

Imperial Interstellar Scout Service Organization

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Survey Office

Cartography Branch—This branch is responsible for the mapping and remapping all areas of the Imperium. This Branch often works with the Intelligence Branch to supply specialized charts and maps to the Imperial Navy, Army, and Marines

Navigation Branch — This branch has the responsibility to maintain all imperial directional and navigation devices (beacons & buoys). They also maintain the Amber and Red zone warning satellites.

Detached Duty Office

Intelligence Branch (also referred to as the Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI)) — This branch has the widest variety of covert personnel of any intelligence agency.

Detached Duty Branch — The branch maintains information on all detached scouts in the event that they are needed. They also maintain all surplus scout ship, which they loan out to the detached scouts. They also pay for the fuel that a detached scout receives when he refuels his surplus scout ship at a scout base.

Communications Office

Communications Branch — This branch operates a fleet of X-boat and X-Boat Tenders in order to maintain the vital communications required by the Imperium

Imperial Courier Service — The ICS is charged with the transportation of items, which can not be sent through the X-Boat system. They also act as a swift transport service for important government personnel.

Exploration Office

Exploration Branch — The oldest branch of the scout service. This branch continues to explore beyond the borders of the Imperium and report what is discovered. To this end, this branch maintains ships not normally seen in the scout service. This has included lab ships, frontier cruisers, and frontier traders

Contact & Liaison Branch — The second oldest branch of the scout service. This branch is charged with first contact and maintaining friendly relations with non-human intelligent races. They are also charged with controlled dissemination of technological information to the backward worlds of the Imperium, in order to bring the up to imperial standards without culture shock.

Administration Office

Personnel Branch — This maintains all service records for scout personnel, as well as handles transfers between offices and branches of the scout service.

Payroll Branch — This branch is responsible for paying all members of the scout service, as well as retirees.

Procurement Branch — This branch is charged with acquiring all items required by the scout service from toilet paper to Scout cruisers.

Operations Office

Engineering Branch — If it a piece of scout equipment and it need to be fixed, this branch will most likely be fixing it. They are charged with fixing and maintaining all equipment used by the scout service from filter masks to starships

Security Branch — If the scouts own it, these guys protect it. The security branch is responsible for protecting all scout facilities and personnel from harm. They also have the widest range of powers of any imperial law enforcement agency. They have been known to use Imperial Warrants.