

National Incident Management System

NIMS Overview and Compliance

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■ National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- ✓ A consistent nationwide approach for all levels of government to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for and respond to domestic incidents
- ✓ Core set of concepts, principles and terminology for incident command and multi-agency coordination



NIMS: Key Concepts

- Framework for interoperability and compatibility
- Flexibility
 - Consistent, flexible, and adjustable national framework
 - Applicable regardless of incident cause, size, location, or complexity.
- Standardization
 - Standard organizational structures
 - Key to interoperability

Overview of NIMS

What NIMS is:

- ✓ A comprehensive, nationwide, systematic approach to incident management
- ✓ A set of preparedness concepts and principles for all hazards
- ✓ Essential principles for a COMMON OPERATING PICTURE and interoperability of communications and information management
- ✓ Standardized resource management procedures
- ✓ Scalable so it may be used for all incidents
- ✓ A dynamic system that promotes ongoing management and maintenance

NIMS Components

- ✓ Preparedness
- ✓ Communications and Information Management
- ✓ Resource Management
- ✓ Command and Management
 - Incident Command System
 - Multi-agency Coordination Systems
 - Public Information
- ✓ Ongoing Management and Maintenance



NIMS Compliance Background

- HSPD-5- All State, Tribal, Territories and local jurisdictions receiving Federal Preparedness Assistance are required to comply with the NIMS
- Previous Years Compliance 2005-2006:
 - Self-certification for NIMS compliance
 - Initial measures have been reached and “good faith” efforts are underway to comply
 - Implementation Matrices for State/Territorial, tribal/local:
 - Actions required for compliance
 - Guidance and technical assistance resources
 - Future activities



NIMS 2005 - 2006 Compliance

Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support adoption for government departments/ agencies• Promote/ Encourage adoption by associations, NGOs, private sector• Establish Planning Process to ensure communication of NIMS Implementation• Monitor formal adoption by local jurisdictions• (Designate single NIMS Coordinator)
Command & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate technical assistance to local entities about Institutionalizing ICS• Manage incidents/ Coordinate pre-planned events using ICS (maintain connectivity with EOCs/ 911 Centers)• Institutionalize Public Information System



NIMS 2005 - 2006 Compliance

Planning, Training & Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise/Update/Maintain Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs); incorporating NIMS• Promote Intrastate Mutual Aid Agreements• Establish NIMS Baseline• Coordinate Federal Preparedness Funding with NIMS Implementation• Coordinate NIMS training delivery• Complete NIMS Training—ICS 100, 200, IS-700, IS-800• Participate in All-Hazards exercises, incorporating NIMS/ICS into training/exercises
Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inventory response assets according to FEMA Resource Typing standard• Develop plan for receipt and distribution of resources
Communication & Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use plain language communication across all public safety sectors



NIMS Implementation Activities Schedule

FY 2007 NEW Activities

NIMS IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY	FY 2007	
	State/ Territory	Tribe/ Local
Designate a single point of contact to serve as the principal coordinator for NIMS implementation		✓
Designate a single point of contact within each of the jurisdiction's Departments and Agencies	✓	
Monitor and assess outreach and implementation of NIMS Requirements	✓	
Establish public information system to gather, verify, coordinate, and disseminate information during an incident	✓	✓
Complete training—ICS-300, ICS-400	✓	✓
Validate that inventory of response assets conforms to FEMA Resource Typing Standards	✓	✓
Utilize response asset inventory for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests, exercises, and actual events	✓	✓
Develop systems and processes to ensure that incident managers at all levels share a common operating picture of an incident	✓	✓



NIMS Compliance Metrics Goals

- Gather information on current state of NIMS compliance
 - Measures performance of NIMS implementation activities
 - Helps determine appropriate compliance targets
- Compile best practices and identify compliance shortfalls
- Provide continued guidance and feedback for increased NIMS compliance
- Assist refinement of metrics and NIMSCAST



NIMS Compliance Summary

- Future refinement of the NIMS will evolve as policy and technical issues are further developed and clarified.
- Additional requirements may be issued by FEMA as to what will constitute NIMS compliance in FY 2008 and beyond.
- With completion of FY 2007 activities, State, territorial, tribal, and local jurisdictions will have the foundational support for future NIMS implementation and compliance.
- **The effective and consistent implementation of the NIMS nationwide will result in a strengthened national capability to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from any type of incident.**



NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST)

- Self-assessment instrument to evaluate achievements on NIMS compliance FY07 activities
- Creates overall automated report

Monitoring

- Department of Homeland Security Grants and Training Office may review before a monitoring visit
- Other grant making agencies could request report for monitoring
- Assist in compliance verification

National Integration Center Incident Management Systems Division

- NIMS Website Information
 - <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>
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