

National Incident Management System

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NIMS:

- Based on balance of flexibility and standardization;
- Ultimate goal to enable first responders, emergency workers, and disaster workers at all levels to work together to manage any type of emergency event



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Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5)

- NIMS is foundation for implementing HSPD-5:
 - Requires adoption of NIMS by all Federal agencies; and
 - Requires that Federal preparedness funding for States, Territories, local jurisdictions and Tribal entities be dependent on NIMS compliance
- Benefits include:
 - Standardization: NIMS has an organized set of standardized operational structures which is critical in allowing disparate organizations and agencies to work together in a predictable, coordinated manner.
 - Flexibility: System components can be used to develop plans, processes, procedures, agreements and roles for all types of incidents and applicable to any incident regardless of cause, size, location or complexity

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
- Ongoing support: Incident Management Systems Integration Division of FEMA PREP



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Overview of NIMS

What NIMS is:

- A comprehensive, nationwide, systematic approach to incident management, including the Incident Command System, Multiagency Coordination Systems, and Public Information
- 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 that enable coordination among different jurisdictions or organizations
- Scalable so it may be used for all incidents (from day-to-day to large-scale)
- A dynamic system that promotes ongoing management and maintenance

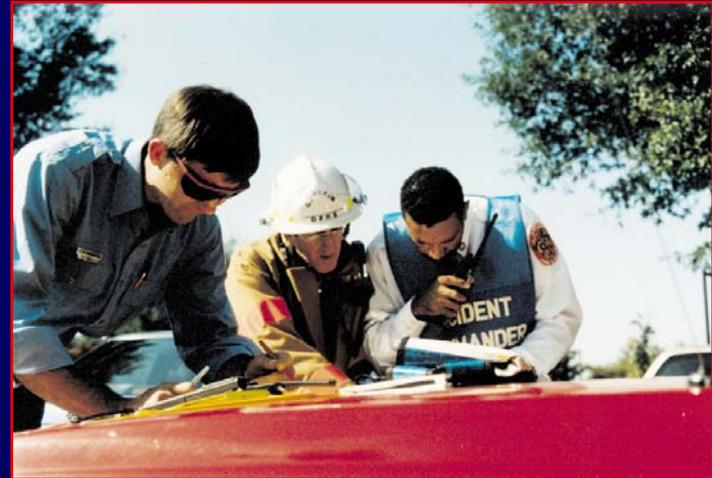
What NIMS is NOT:

- A response plan
- Only used during large incidents
- A communication plan
- Only applicable to certain emergency responders
- Only the Incident Command System or an organizational chart
- A static system



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 Components

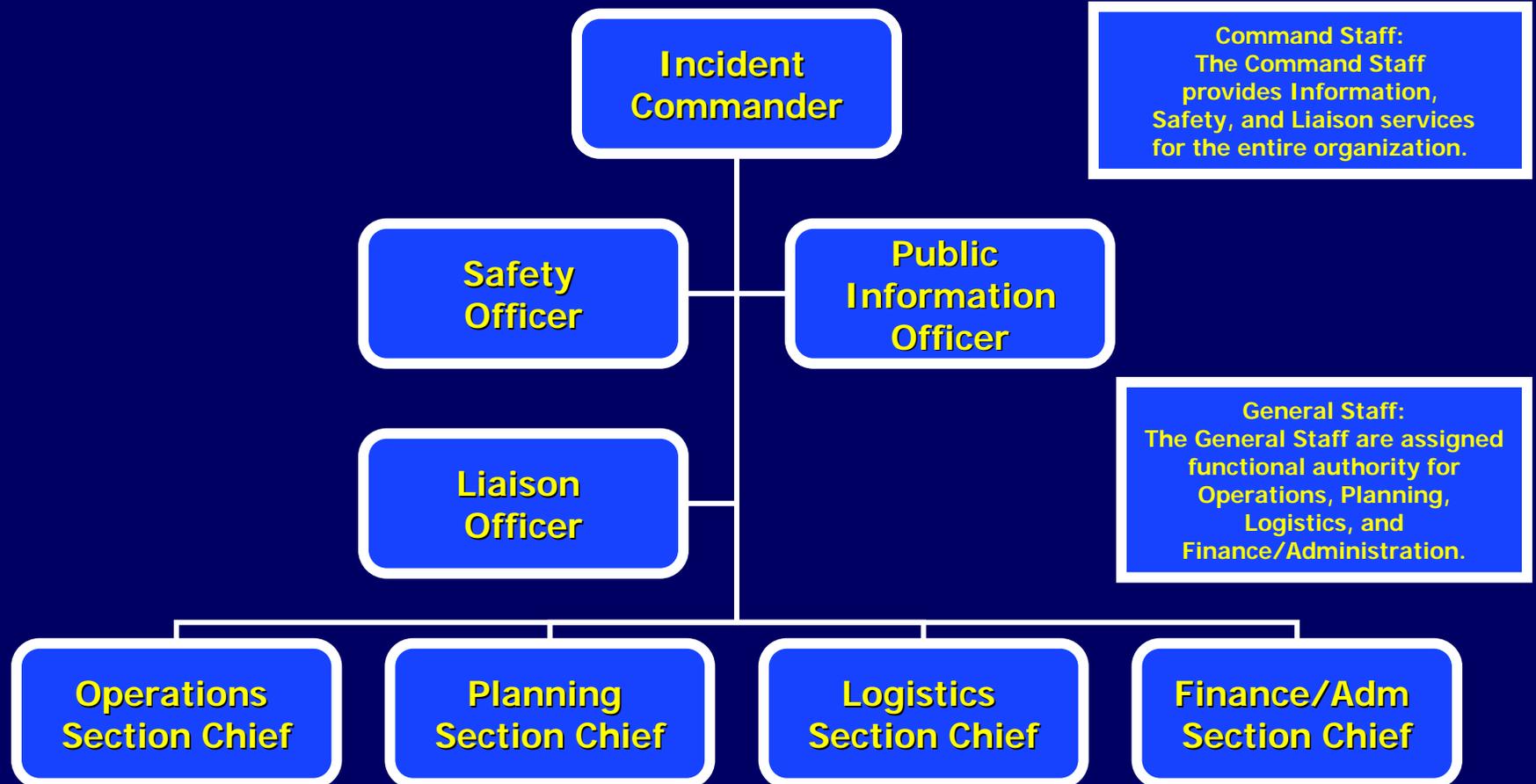
Preparedness	Involves an integrated combination of planning, training, exercises, personnel qualification and certification standards, equipment acquisition and certification standards, and publications management processes well in advance of any potential incident.
Communications and Information Management	This component under NIMS identifies the requirement for a standardized framework for communications, information management (collection, analysis, and dissemination), and information-sharing at all levels of incident management.
Resource Management	This component under NIMS defines standardized mechanisms and establishes requirements for processes to describe, inventory, mobilize, dispatch, track, and recover resources over the cycle of the incident.



NIMS Components

Command and Management	<i>Incident Command System</i> ICS defines the operating characteristics, interactive management components, and structure of incident management and emergency response organizations engaged throughout the life cycle of an incident.
	<i>Multiagency Coordination System</i> The MACS ties together all the support and coordination structures utilized in an incident. The primary function of the MACS is to support and coordinate incident management policies and priorities.
	<i>Public Information</i> Public Information includes processes and procedures for communicating timely and accurate information to the public during crisis. All levels of government, along with volunteer organizations and private industry, must have the ability to gather public information, verify public information, coordinate public information, and disseminate public information during a disaster.

ICS Command and General Staff Titles



Training: Who needs to take what?

- *IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction*
 - All personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management, or response
- *IS-800b NRF: An Introduction*
 - All Federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local emergency managers or personnel whose primary responsibility is emergency management
- *ICS-100: Introduction to ICS*
 - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the entry level, first line supervisor level, middle management level, and command and general staff level of emergency management operations
- *ICS-200: Basic ICS*
 - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the first line supervisor level, middle management level, and command and general staff level of emergency management operations



FY08 and Out Year Training

- ***IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200 (Required in FY06 and Out-Years)***
 - *Base line training for all personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management, or response*
- ***ICS-300 Intermediate (Required in FY08)***
 - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the middle management level, and command and general staff level of emergency management operations
- ***ICS-400 Advanced (Required in FY09)***
 - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the command and general staff level of emergency management operations
- ***Additional NIMS Training (Recommended)***
 - Training available for all audiences in the following areas: NIMS Multi-agency Coordination Systems, Public Information Systems, Communications and Information Management, Resource Management, Resource Typing, Mutual Aid, and NIMS Preparedness
- ***ICS-Position Specific Training for FY08***
 - Training opportunities for ICS Command and General Staff positions: Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer, Public Information Officer, Operations Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, and Finance/Admin Section Chief



National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Our Nation's incident management system; and
- Integrates best emergency management practices, procedures and systems utilized by emergency management professionals across the nation into a national framework for incident response



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NIMS Compliance
Assistance Support Tool
(NIMSCAST)



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NIMCAST = NIMSCAST

- NIMCAST – National Incident Management System Capability Assessment Support Tool
 - NIMCAST launched January 2005
 - Assess compliance against the NIMS document
 - State, territory, tribal, local, and/or discipline
 - Created overall report

- NIMSCAST – NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool
 - NIMSCAST Released April 9, 2007
 - Assess compliance against the FY07 activities and metrics



Who can use the NIMSCAST?

- State and Territory NIMS Coordinators
- State and Territory Departments and Agencies
- Tribal Nations
- Local Jurisdictions
- Response Disciplines



National Integration Center Incident Management Systems Integration Division

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