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New York State Office of Homeland Security NIMS Update - March

The following pages are an update of NIMS as it pertains to New York State.

Included at the end are links to NIMS / ICS information available via the Web. You may also contact Chief Tom Wutz, Fire Services Bureau, regarding any questions relating to NIMS and the Fire Service, NIMS / ICS training, and NIMS / ICS implementation.

We will consolidate these questions into FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and distribute this through the Information Bulletin format.

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Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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A monthly publication to apprise First Responders of the ongoing implementation of NIMS in New York State



National Incident Management System News

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In Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, Management of Domestic Incidents, the President directed the development and administration of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. This integrated system establishes a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders, at every level of government, will use to conduct response actions.

From both Federal and State levels, all "first responder" agencies (including fire, law enforcement, HAZMAT, emergency medical, public works, public health, emergency communications, emergency management, and other agencies involved in disaster preparedness, prevention, response and recovery activities), have received direction to support the nationwide implementation of NIMS.

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NIMS Components

- ♣ Command and management
- ♣ Preparedness
- ♣ Resource management
- ♣ Communications and information management
- ♣ Supporting technologies
- ♣ Ongoing management and maintenance

The New York State Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the State Preparedness Steering Committee (please refer to NYS NIMS Implementation Strategy for additional information) is committed to providing the appropriate guidance and information necessary to assist entities in achieving compliance with the NIMS. Ongoing informational updates will be provided via this newsletter and the NYS Office of Homeland Security's website will be

ICS Courses and Curriculum

ICS in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Recommendation for a Model Curriculum: ICS – 100, ICS – 200, ICS – 300, ICS – 400, IS – 700, and IS – 800

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the NIMS Integration Center support the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Incident Command System (ICS) curriculum revision project which reflects an All–Hazards approach to ICS. The curriculum is currently being revised to encompass the following ICS courses:

- ICS – 100, Introduction to ICS
- ICS – 200, Basic ICS
- ICS – 300, Intermediate ICS
- ICS – 400, Advanced ICS
- IS – 700, Basic NIMS IS
- IS – 800, National Response Plan

DHS and FEMA course revisions are coordinated with and support the NWCG curriculum revision project.

The recommended target audience for each of the courses includes the following personnel:

ICS – 100 : Introduction to ICS

Entry level first responders (including firefighters, police officers, emergency medical services providers, public works on–scene personnel, public health on–scene personnel, and other emergency responders) and other emergency personnel that require an introduction to the basic components of the ICS.

ICS – 200 : Basic ICS

First line supervisors, single resource leaders, lead dispatchers, field supervisors, company officers, and entry level positions (trainees) on Incident Management Teams and other emergency personnel that require a higher level of ICS training.

ICS – 300 : Intermediate ICS

Middle management, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and Multi–Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center staff.

ICS – 400 : Advanced ICS

Command and general staff, agency administrators, department heads, emergency managers, areas commander, and Multi–Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center managers.

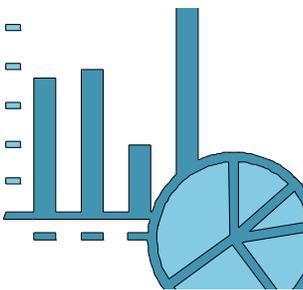
IS–700: National Incident Management System (NIMS) IS

NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. This course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS.

IS–800 National Response Plan (NRP); An Introduction IS

The National Response Plan, or NRP, specifies how the resources of the Federal Government will work in concert with State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector to respond to Incidents of National Significance. The NRP is predicated on the National Incident Management System, or NIMS. Together the NRP and the NIMS provide a nationwide template for working together to prevent or respond to threats and incidents regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

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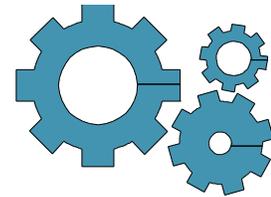


By September 30, 2006 all appropriate personnel must complete IS-700, IS-800, and ICS-100 training. The determination of who is appropriate to receive what level of training will be at the discretion of the state, local or tribal entity involved.

New York State Implementation Strategy

The concept of NIMS Implementation in New York State involves three Progress Review Periods with targeted dates, which will enable the Steering Committee to monitor progress and make adjustments as required. As it is understood by all members of the Steering Committee that different levels of development and implementation will occur during various and perhaps multiple time frames, these review periods are merely meant to serve as "guideposts to completion." Compliance requirements needing to be accomplished by September 30, 2006 will be the primary focus of the state's effort:

- ♣ Progress Review I involves initial staff training, including completion of FEMA's independent NIMS and ICS study courses. It also includes evaluating plans, policies and procedures to identify aspects that need to be made compliance with NIMS concepts. Update Review Period I.
- ♣ Progress Review II activities involve the actual modification of emergency response plans, emergency operations plans and other relevant plans, procedures and policies to reflect the adoption of NIMS concepts. Update Review Period I & II
- ♣ Progress Review III involves credentialing and certifying personnel and equipment based on NIMS Integration Center standards. Since these standards are still in development at the federal level, this requirement and the review of progress towards implementing it will be a final FY 06 NIMS implementation tactic. Update Review Period I & III



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NIMS Resources

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Guidance/Questions can be directed to NYS OHS NIC

NYS OHS NIMS Information Center (NIC):

<http://www.security.state.ny.us/training/index.html>

Training Guidance:

www.security.state.ny.us/training/training_calendar.html

E-mail questions: NIMS@security.state.ny.us

New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)

Training Guidance /Assistance:

<http://www.nysemo.state.ny.us/TRAINING/semotraining.asp>

Training: IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200:

<http://www.nysemo.state.ny.us/TRAINING/semotraining.asp>

NIMS Integration Center (NIC):

www.fema.gov/nims/

NIMCAST Access:

Reminders

- The County Points of Contact serve as conduits of information from the State to the locals, and from the locals to the state. Their responsibilities include disseminating information conveyed to them by the NYS OHS NIMS Information Center as well as facilitating the roll up of NIMS related compliance information from the locals to the county, and ultimately to the state for certification. Additionally they serve as the single source information point of contact within the county so as to ensure consistency with NIMS related information. All county POCs will be made available to view online.

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- Ongoing informational updates will be provided via this newsletter and through the website and will be augmented with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section where visitors can gain timely and relevant information to assist them with their NIMS implementation.

Upcoming Events

Below are the dates of training sessions across New York State. All times and locations are subject to change. Please stay apprised of these dates and locations by also viewing the website.

Westchester NIMS Workshop	March 10
FASNY Legislative Conference NIMS Presentation, Albany	March 11
SEMO Regional Mtg, Syracuse (Preparedness Ctr & NIMS)	March 14
Cortland County NIMS Presentation	March 16
SEMO Regional Mtg, Poughkeepsie (Preparedness Ctr & NIMS)	March 16
NYS Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners, Buffalo	March 31

Early April: Release of NYS OHS Sponsored, State Preparedness Steering Committee Supported, and OFPC Delivered IS-700, I-100, and I-200 Train-the-trainer Support Packages. Locations and Dates to be Announced

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