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## **REGION 6 NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY**

### **BACKGROUND**

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 nation-wide implementation of NIMS.

### **NIMS COMPONENTS**

- Command & Management
- Preparedness
- Resource Management
- Communications & Information Management
- Supporting Technologies
- Ongoing Management and Maintenance

### **MINIMUM FY 2005 NIMS COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- **Incorporating NIMS into existing training programs and exercises**
- **Ensuring that Federal preparedness funding support NIMS implementation**
- **Incorporating NIMS into Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)**
- **Promoting intrastate mutual aid agreements**
- **Coordinating and providing technical assistance to local entities regarding NIMS**
- **Institutionalizing the use of the Incident Command System (ICS)**
- **Completing the NIMS Awareness Course: “National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction” IS 700** at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>.
- **Formally recognizing the NIMS and adopting the NIMS principles and policies**
- **Establishing a NIMS baseline by determining which NIMS requirements you already meet** using the NIMS Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) available at <https://www.fema.gov/nimcast/index.jsp>
- **Establishing a timeframe and developing a strategy for full NIMS implementation** using the NIMS Implementation Template at: <http://www.fema.gov/nims/>

### **FY 2006 AND FY 2007 REQUIREMENTS:**

In order to receive FY 2006 preparedness funding, the minimum FY 2005 compliance requirements described above must be met. The NIC web page, [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims), will be updated regularly with information about the NIMS and guidance for implementation.