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Training Trigger: NIMS Refresh

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OPERATIONAL ISSUE

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works to improve the nation's ability to manage incidents, events and emergencies. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a common, nationwide approach to enable the whole community to work together to manage all threats and hazards regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

FAST FACTS

- The most recent version of the NIMS document was released October 2017.
- NIMS defines operational systems, including the Incident Command System (ICS), Emergency Operations Center (EOC) structures, and Multiagency Coordination Groups (MAC Groups) that guide how personnel work together during incidents.
- The *NIMS Implementation Objectives for Local, State, Tribal, and Territorial Jurisdictions* identify the specific activities that are involved in NIMS implementation for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) organizations and jurisdictions.

ACTIVITIES

Communities across the Nation experience a diverse set of threats, hazards, and events. The size, frequency, complexity, and scope of these incidents vary, but all involve a range of personnel and organizations to coordinate efforts to save lives, stabilize the incident, and protect property and the environment. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) defines this comprehensive approach.

1. NIMS resource management guidance enables many organizational elements to collaborate and coordinate to systematically manage resources—personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies. Effective resource management includes leveraging each jurisdiction's resources, engaging private sector resources, involving volunteer organizations, and encouraging further development of mutual aid agreements.
2. Use of the National Qualification System (NQS) helps to promote interoperability by establishing a common language and approach for qualifying, certifying, and credentialing incident management and support personnel. This can ensure that personnel and teams deploying through mutual aid agreements and compacts have the

knowledge, experience, training, and capability to perform the duties of their assigned incident-specific roles.

3. The *NIMS Training Program* sets forth a structure for national training and establishes the roles and responsibilities of FEMA and members of the NIMS stakeholder community. It identifies specific activities for developing, maintaining, and sustaining a training program that prepares all incident personnel to understand their respective responsibilities and work together during incidents.

TEMPLATES/BEST PRACTICES

[NIMS ICS Forms](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

[NIMS Webpage](#)

[NIMS Implementation Objectives for Local, State, Tribal, and Territorial Jurisdictions](#)

[NIMS Resource Management](#)

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