National Incident Management System

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Directed Secretary, DHS to develop and administer:

1. National Incident Management System (NIMS)
   - Core set of concepts, principles and terminology for incident command and multiagency coordination

2. National Response Plan (NRP)
   - All-discipline, all-hazards plan
   - Initial National Response Plan (INRP) created as an interim plan pending publication of the full NRP
National Incident Management System - NI MS

“...a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, 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...”
NIMS: What It Is / What It’s Not

NIMS is...
- Core set of
  - Doctrine
  - Concepts
  - Principles
  - Terminology
  - Organizational processes
- Applicable to all hazards

NIMS is not...
- An operational incident management plan
- A resource allocation plan
- A terrorism / WMD-specific plan
- Designed to address international events
National Incident Management System (NIMS) aligns command, control, organization structure, terminology, communication protocols, resources and resource-typing for synchronization of response efforts at all echelons of government.

Local Response

State Response or Support

Federal Response or Support

DHS integrates and applies Federal resources both pre and post incident.

Resources, knowledge, and abilities from Federal departments & agencies

National Response Plan (NRP)

Activated for incidents of national significance
NI MS Implementation Activities for Hospitals and Healthcare systems

Consists of seven categories and seventeen Elements

1. Organization Adoption
   • Adoption of NI MS at all organizational levels
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2. Command and Management

- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Multi-agency Coordination System (MACS)
- Public Information System (PIS)
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3. Preparedness

Continuous cycle of
- Planning
- Training
- Equipping
- Exercising
- Evaluating
- Taking action to correct and mitigate
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3. Preparedness

- Preparedness Planning
  - NIMS Implementation Tracking
  - Preparedness Funding
  - Revise and Update Plans
  - Mutual-Aid Agreements

- Preparedness Training
  - IS 700 NIMS
  - IS 800 NRP
  - ICS 100 and 200

- Preparedness Exercises
  - Training and Exercises
  - All Hazard Exercise Program
  - Corrective Actions
Preparedness – Planning, Training and Exercises

Required Training: Entry Level

* FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
* ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent

Required Training: First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors

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* ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent
* ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent

Required Training: Middle Management

* FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
* FEMA IS-800: National Response Plan, An Introduction
* ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent
* ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent
* ICS-300: Intermediate ICS or equivalent (FY07 Requirement)

Required Training: Command and General Staff

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* FEMA IS-800: National Response Plan, An Introduction
* ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent
* ICS-200: Basic ICS or equivalent
* ICS-300: Intermediate ICS or equivalent (FY07 Requirement)
* ICS-400: Advanced ICS or equivalent (FY07 Requirement)

Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Non-governmental personnel:
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4. Resource Management (Response Inventory, Resource Acquisition)

- Establishing systems for describing, inventorying, requesting, and tracking resources
- Activating those systems prior to, during, and after an incident
- Dispatching resources prior to, during, and after an incident
- Deactivating or recalling resources during or after incidents
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5. Communication and Information Management

- Common operating picture accessible across jurisdictions and functional agencies

- Common communications and data standards to assure accessibility and interoperability

- Standard communication plan

- Communication policies, policies and interoperability standards
6. Supporting Technologies

- Interoperability and compatibility
- Technology support
- Technology standards
- Broad-based requirements
- Strategic planning for research and development
- Operational scientific support
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7. Ongoing Management and Maintenance

- All users and stakeholders participate in NIMS Integration Center activities
  - Various levels of government
  - Functional disciplines
  - Private entities

- Process relies on
  - Lessons learned from actual incidents and exercises
  - Best practices across jurisdictions and functional disciplines
River Health Systems Roles, Responsibilities and Linkages
River Health System NIMS
Compliance Issues

• RHS has to be in compliance by August 2008 as per various federal and state requirements

• RHS already has Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) in place

• HICS is consistent with ICS and NIMS principles

• RHS needs to review and incorporate new policies, procedures, practices and training for all the 17 element to be NIMS compliant.
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