

Emergency Management Systems and Crisis Communication

Preparedness and Planning
Going Beyond NIMS Compliance

Routine Responses

- Emergency response to “typical” hazmat incidents at the local level (transportation accidents, fixed facility releases) characterized by:
 - Sufficient resources and expertise on hand to handle the problem.
 - Incidents of short duration
 - Complexity rarely an issue
 - Single Command structure; e.g., Fire Chief acts as Incident Commander

Non-Routine Responses

- Emergency response to major hazmat incidents (train derailments, pipeline ruptures, industrial accidents) characterized by:
 - Initial shortage of resources on hand to handle the problem
 - Multiple operational periods
 - Multiple agencies/jurisdictions involved (state and federal)

CSX Train Derailment

Brooks, Kentucky

January 2007



Keys to Success

- As incidents grow in scale and complexity, ability to successfully expand incident organization is based on responder's training and familiarity with NIMS ICS
- Requires ability to transition from Single Command structure to Unified Command to accommodate multi-agency response
- It's not who's in charge, but rather who's in charge of what. We all have a role to play

EPA's Experience

- Incident response organization needed to handle major spills requires that local responders understand application of NIMS ICS Unified Command

Requires that commitment to NIMS ICS is fully implemented at the executive level of local government.

NIMS Alert 008-05

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NIMS Compliance and Day-to-Day Operations

The NIMS Integration Center has received a number of questions recently asking if organizations must use National Incident Management System (NIMS) concepts and principles in day-to-day emergency operations versus only during major incidents involving federal participation.

- **“The requirement to adopt and implement NIMS and ICS means NIMS and ICS for incident management every day. Those who don’t are not NIMS compliant.”**

HOW WOULD YOU COORDINATE THESE RESOURCES?



It's your neighborhood



Residential Street, Biloxi, Mississippi: Pre-storm

But don't be afraid to ask for help



Same Street, Biloxi, Mississippi: August 31, 2005

NIMS Implementation and Compliance

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| <p>FY 2005</p> | <p>States and territories must meet minimum FY 05 NIMS implementation requirements.</p> <p>Tribal and local governments encouraged to start implementing the NIMS.</p> | <p>Self Certification: The state, taken as a whole, has met the minimum FY05 requirements</p> <p>State certification required to receive FY06 preparedness funds</p> |
| <p>FY 2006</p> | <p>States, territories, tribes and local governments <u>must</u> meet the FY06 NIMS implementation requirements.</p> | <p>Self Certification: The state (including its local jurisdictions) has met the minimum FY06 requirements</p> <p>State certification required to receive FY07 preparedness funds</p> |
| <p>FY 2007 and beyond</p> | <p>Full NIMS compliance is required for all federal preparedness funds.</p> <p>States, territories, tribes and local governments continue to implement the NIMS and meet additional requirements, as identified by the NIMS Integration Center, to ensure the continued success of the NIMS.</p> | <p>State certification of ongoing NIMS compliance requirements</p> <p>NIMS compliance continues to be required to receive federal preparedness funds.</p> |



**Homeland
Security**

Going Beyond NIMS Compliance

- Recommendations prescribed for the Fire Department of New York in the aftermath of 9/11:
 - **Review all FDNY procedures to ensure consistency with ICS principles**
 - **Train all FDNY personnel in ICS principles and procedures**
 - **Establish ongoing ICS training programs for senior response personnel**