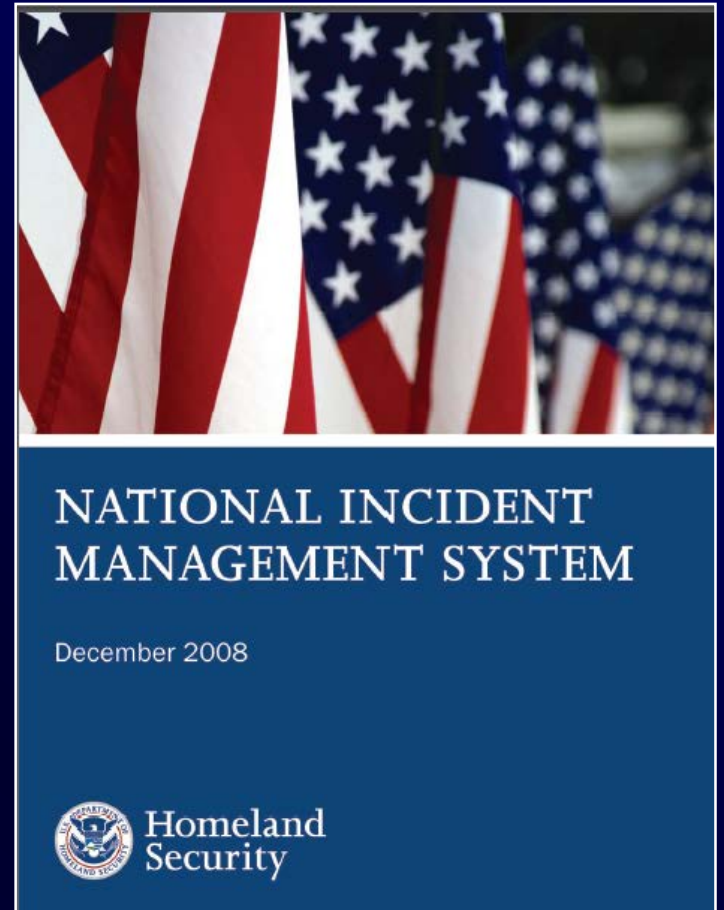


# National Incident Management System (NIMS)

## Overview

Incident Management Systems Integration Division,  
National Preparedness Directorate,  
Federal Emergency Management Agency



# Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 5

- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
  - A consistent nationwide approach for all levels of government to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for and respond to domestic incidents
  - Core set of concepts, principles and terminology for incident command and multi-agency coordination
  - Requires all Federal Departments and Agencies to adopt the NIMS
  - Requires State and local NIMS compliance as a condition for Federal preparedness funds



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# NIMS Background

- Provides national standard for incident management
- Based on the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Incident Command System (ICS)
- Originally published in March 2004
- Revised and published in December 2008



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# NIMS: What it is and What its not

## NIMS Is...

- Comprehensive, nationwide, systematic approach to incident management
- Set of preparedness concepts and principles for all hazards
- Essential principles for a common operating picture and interoperability of communications and information management
- Standardized resource management procedures for coordination among different jurisdictions/ organizations
- Scalable and applicable for all incidents

## NIMS Is Not...

- A response plan
- A communication plan
- Something that is used only during large incidents
- Only applicable to certain emergency responders
- Only the Incident Command System or an organizational chart
- A static system



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# NIMS Components

- Preparedness
- Communications and Information Management
- Resource Management
- Command and Management
  - Incident Command System
  - Multi-agency Coordination Systems
  - Public Information Systems
- Ongoing Management and Maintenance



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# NIMS Components--Preparedness

Preparedness is achieved and maintained through a continuous cycle



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# NIMS Components - Communications and Information Management

- Common operating picture
- Common communications and data standards to assure accessibility and interoperability



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# NIMS Components - Resource Management

- 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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# NIMS Resource Management



164 Job titles with knowledge, skills, and abilities

56 ICS Positions – Core Competencies

120 Typed Resources

NIMS Guide 0001 on Resource Typing

NIMS Guide 0002 on Credentialing



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# NIMS Components-Command & Management

- Incident Command System
- Multiagency Coordination Systems
- Public Information Systems



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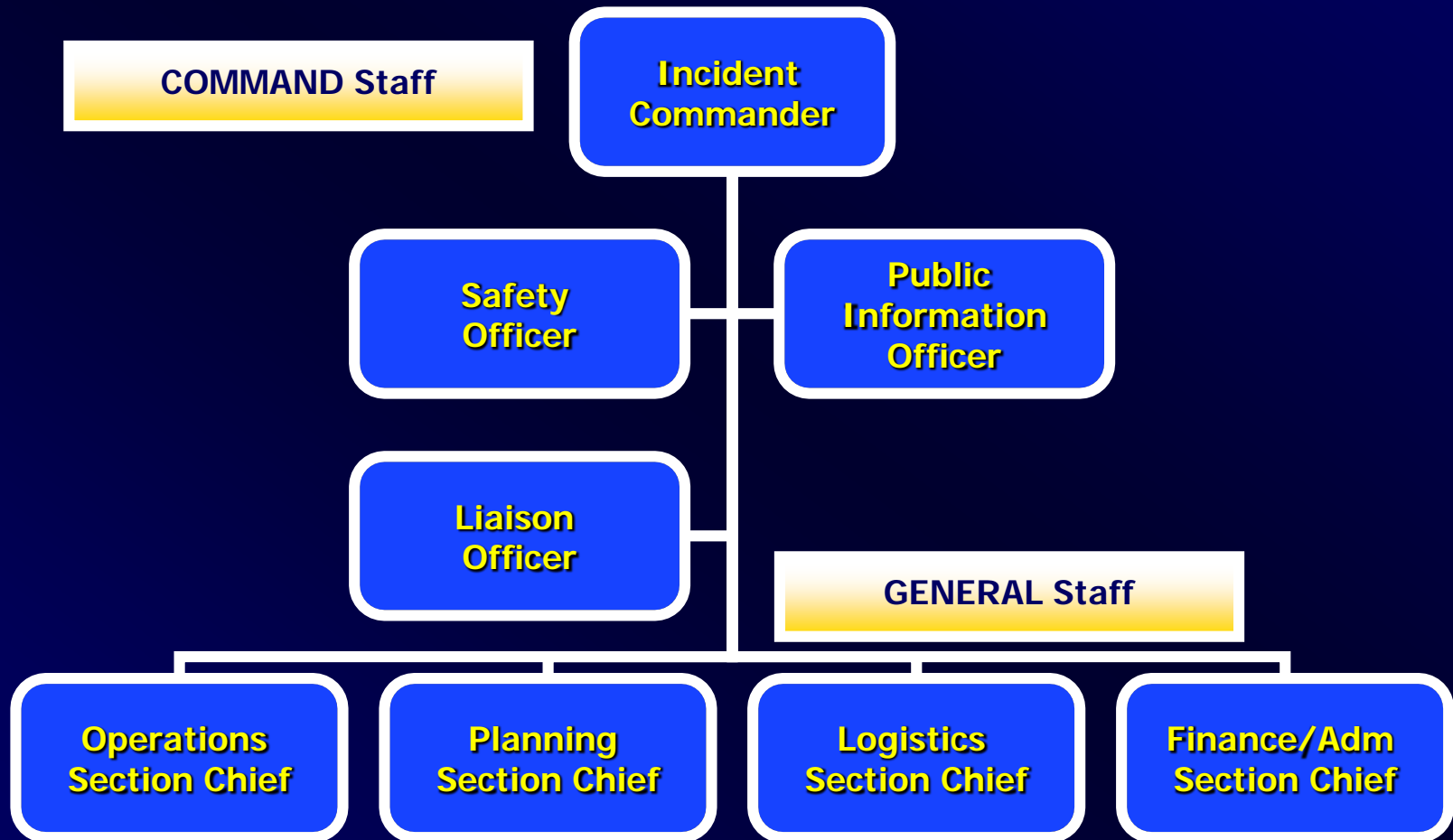
# Incident Command System (ICS)

- ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept
- ICS allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries
- NIMS requires the use of ICS for all domestic responses



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# ICS Command and General Staff Titles



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# Multiagency Coordination: *A System Not a Facility*



**On-Scene Command**



**Emergency  
Ops Centers/  
Dispatch**

## **Multiagency Coordination**



**Resource  
Coordination  
Centers**



**Coordination Groups/Department  
Operations Centers**



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# Public Information

- Consists of the processes, procedures, and systems to communicate timely, accurate, and accessible information on the incidents cause, size, and current situation to the public, responders, and additional stakeholders (both directly and indirectly affected).
- Integrates three major systems/components:
  - Public Information Officers (PIOs)
  - Joint Information System (JIS)
  - Joint Information Center (JIC)



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# NIMS Components—Ongoing Management and Maintenance

- National Integration Center
  - Concepts & Principles
  - NIMS Revision Process
  - NIC Responsibilities
- Supporting Technologies
  - Concepts and Principles
  - Supporting Incident Management with Science & Technology



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# NIMS Training

- **IS-700, IS-800, IS-100, IS-200**
  - Base line training for all personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management, or response
- **ICS-300 Intermediate**
  - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the middle management level, and command and general staff level of emergency management operations
- **ICS-400 Advanced**
  - All Federal, State, territorial, tribal, local, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the command and general staff level of emergency management operations
- **Additional NIMS Training**
  - Training available for all audiences in the following areas: NIMS Multi-agency Coordination Systems, Public Information Systems, Communications and Information Management, Resource Management, Resource Typing, Mutual Aid, and NIMS Preparedness
- **ICS-Position Specific Training**
  - Training opportunities for ICS Command and General Staff positions: Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer, Public Information Officer, Operations Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, and Finance/Admin Section Chief



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# Summary

- Incidents typically begin and end locally and are managed on a daily basis at the lowest possible geographical, organizational, and jurisdictional level
- Successful incident management operations may depend on the involvement of multiple jurisdictions, levels of government, functional agencies, and/or emergency responder disciplines
- Such incidents require effective and efficient coordination across this broad spectrum of organizations and activities
- NIMS enhances interoperability through use of a systematic approach to integrating the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management
- NIMS does this through a core set of concepts, principles, procedures, organizational processes, terminology, and standards requirements applicable to a broad community of NIMS users



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# Incident Management Systems Integration Division National Integration Center

- NIMS Resource Center: [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)
- Contacts: [fema-nims@dhs.gov](mailto:fema-nims@dhs.gov)



The screenshot displays the FEMA NIMS Resource Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Contact Us', 'Site Map', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Español'. A search bar with a 'Go' button is also present. Below the navigation bar is a main menu with categories: 'Home', 'Disaster Information', 'Plan Ahead', 'Apply for Assistance', 'Recover & Rebuild', and 'About Us'. A secondary menu includes 'Contact Info', 'NIMS Alerts', 'NIMS Coordinators', 'NIMS FAQs', 'Site Index', and 'Email Updates'. The main content area is divided into four blue panels:

- Information & Documents:** About the National Incident Management System (NIMS), NIMS Document [3.8MB PDF], National Response Framework Resource Center, Related Guides, Annexes & Documents, NIMS Rollout Materials.
- NIMS Implementation & Compliance Guidance:** Implementation and Compliance Guidance by FY, Implementation and Compliance Guidance for Stakeholders, Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST), Grants Information.
- NIMS Components:** Preparedness, Communications & Information Management, Resource Management, Command & Management, Incident Command System, Multiagency Coordination Systems, Public Information, Ongoing Management & Maintenance.
- Briefings, Training & Other Resources:** NIMS Briefings, NIMS Alerts and FAQs, NIMS Training, ICS Resource Center, Smart Practices & Lessons Learned, Forms/Job Aids, Tools & Templates, Glossary/Acronyms, Additional Resources.



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# Questions?



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