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# Unit 2:

## What is NIMS?



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# Unit Terminal Objective

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**Explain the National Incident Management System.**



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Visual 2.2

# Unit Enabling Objectives

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- **Describe the National Information Management System (NIMS).**
- **Summarize the NIMS Command and Coordination Systems.**



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# What is an Incident?

**An incident is an occurrence, caused by either human or natural phenomena, that requires response actions to prevent or minimize loss of life, or damage to property and/or the environment.**



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# Legal Basis for NIMS

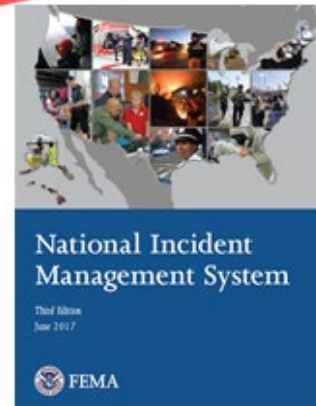
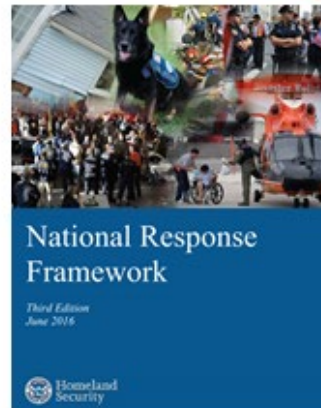
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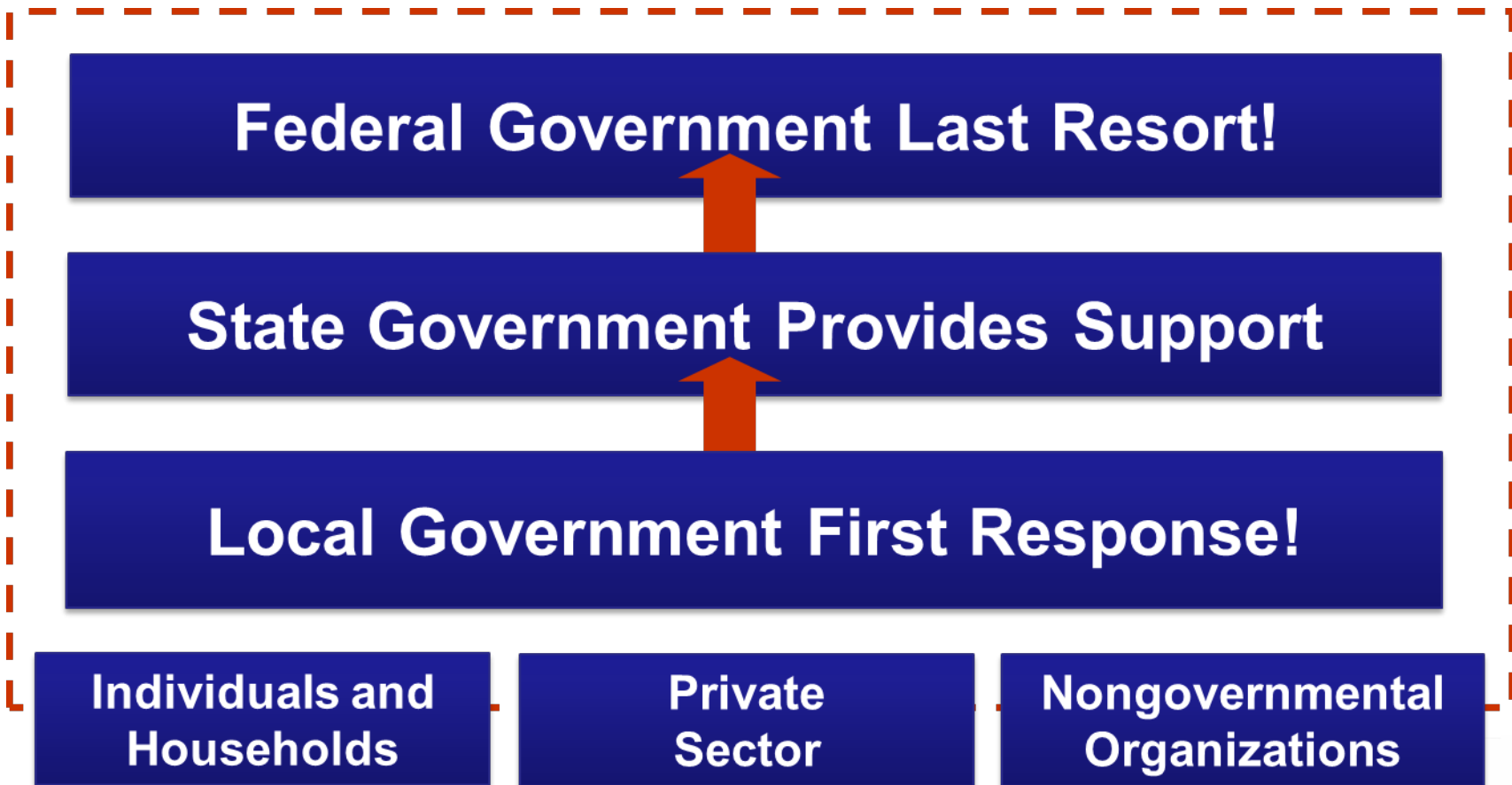
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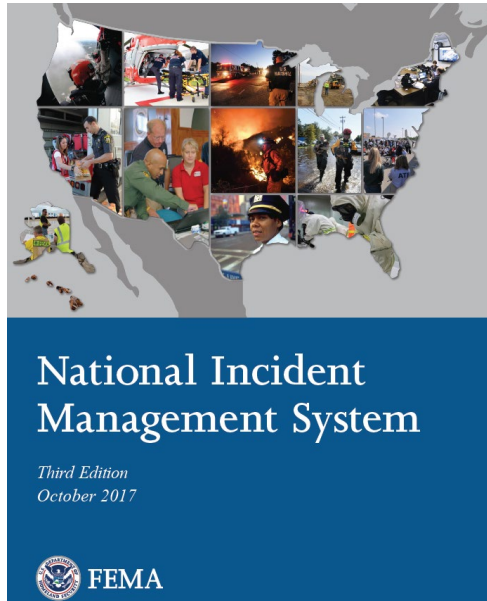
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# NRF Emphasizes Partnerships



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# National Incident Management System



- **What? . . . NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template . . .**
- **Who? . . . to enable Federal, State, Territorial, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together . . .**
- **How? . . . to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity . . .**
- **Why? . . . to reduce the loss of life and property, and harm to the environment.**



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# NIMS: What It Is/What It's Not

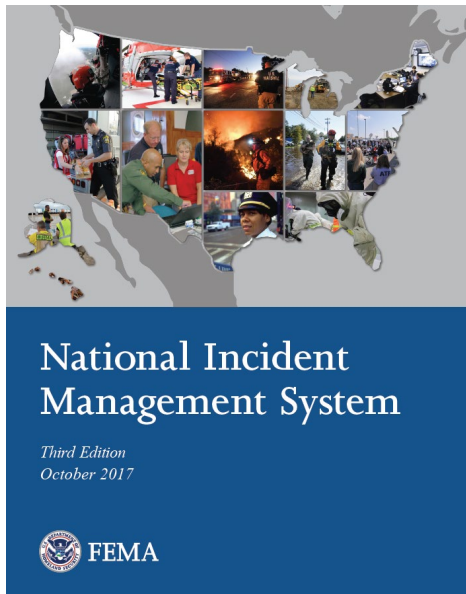
NIMS Is	NIMS Is Not
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A comprehensive, nationwide, systematic approach to incident management, including the command and coordination of incidents, resource management, and information management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only the ICS</li><li>• Only applicable to certain emergency/incident response personnel</li><li>• A static system</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A set of concepts and principles for all threats, hazards, and events across all mission areas (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, Recovery)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A response plan</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scalable, flexible, and adaptable; used for all incidents, from day-to-day to large-scale</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Used only during large-scale incidents</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard resource management procedures that enable coordination among different jurisdictions or organizations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A resource-ordering system</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essential principles for communications and information management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A communications plan</li></ul>



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# NIMS Components



**Resource Management**

**Command and Coordination**

**Communications and Information Management**

**Incident Command System**

**Emergency Operations Center**

**Multiagency Coordination Groups**

**Joint Information Systems**



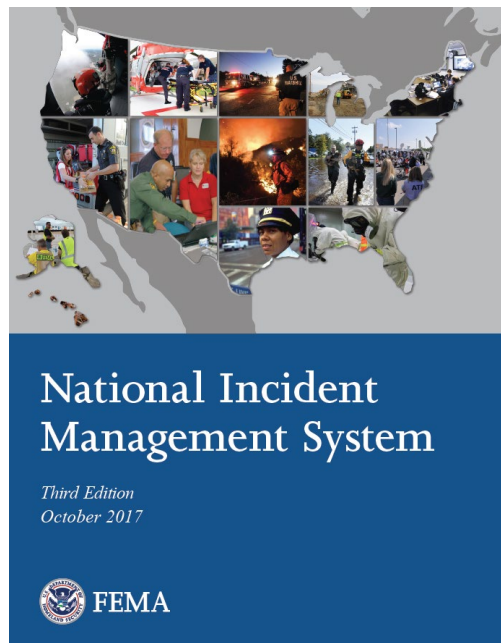
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# NIMS: Command

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**Command: The act of directing, ordering, or controlling by virtue of explicit statutory, regulatory, or delegated authority.**

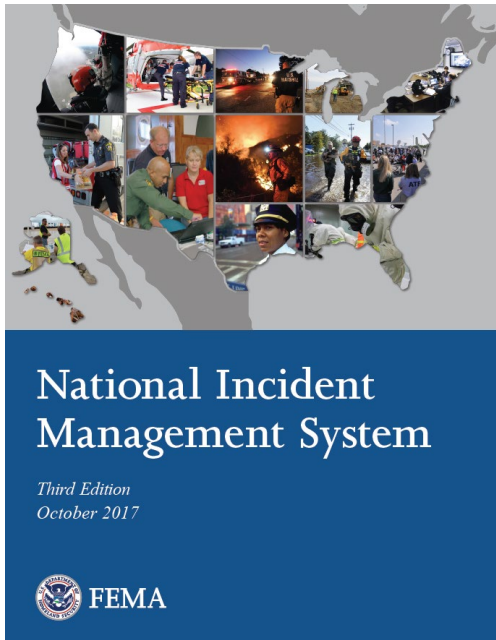
**Who has the EXPLICIT authority for the management of all incident operations?**



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# NIMS: Coordination

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**Multiagency coordination is a process that allows all levels of government and all disciplines to work together more efficiently and effectively.**



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# Multiagency Coordination Groups



**During incidents, MAC Groups:**

- **Act as a policy-level body.**
- **Support resource prioritization and allocation.**
- **Make cooperative multi-agency decisions.**
- **Enable decision making among elected and appointed officials with those managing the incident (IC/UC)**



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# Emergency Operations Centers

**EOCs are physical or virtual locations where staff, stakeholders, and partners gather to provide support for an incident.**



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# Joint Information System

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## JIS activities include:

- **Coordinate interagency messaging.**
- **Develop public information plans and strategies.**
- **Advise the IC and EOC Director on public affairs issues.**
- **Control rumors and inaccurate information.**



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# Incident Command System

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- **Standardized approach to on-scene command, control, and coordination.**
- **Common structure where personnel from different organizations work together.**
- **Structure for incident management that integrates and coordinates procedures, personnel, equipment, facilities, and communications.**



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# Interconnectivity of NIMS Command and Coordination

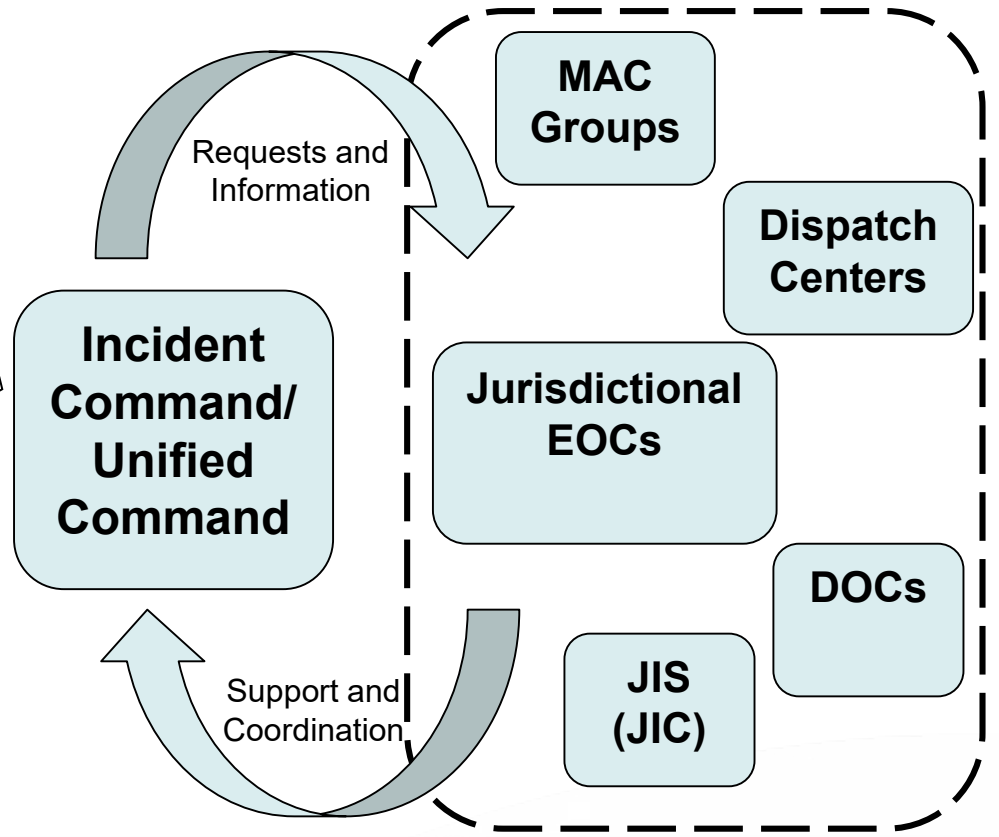
On-scene Multiagency Coordination

Incident Command / Unified Command

Liaison Officer

As the incident grows and transitions, additional coordination occurs off scene

Off-scene Multiagency Coordination for Incident Support



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# Overview of the Senior Officials' Role

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In most jurisdictions the Senior Official is responsible for:

- Ensuring the safety of the citizens and protection of property
- Ensuring the continuity of government
- Activating specific legal authorities (disaster declarations, evacuations, state of emergency, or other protective actions)
- Delegating Authority for Incident Command to an IC/ UC
- Coordinating with the PIO to keep the media and public informed
- Requesting assistance from State agencies through the EOC
- Resolving any resource allocation conflicts
- Coordinating with other Sr. Officials & whole community partners
- Participating in a Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC)



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# Objectives Review

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1. **What is NIMS?**
2. **What are the NIMS Command and Coordination Systems?**



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