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# NIMS Implementation Checklist

- Adopt NIMS by ordinance or resolution. Idaho has adopted NIMS by Executive Order 2010-09. State and local jurisdictions and agencies are also required to adopt NIMS in order to be eligible and/or receive federal preparedness funds.
- Annually evaluate NIMS implementation progress and gaps using the NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST).
- Assess current training and train all first responders and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel to the appropriate levels.
- Provide elected official training.
- Incorporate NIMS into Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs).
- Incorporate NIMS into existing training programs.
- Use NIMS on a day-to-day basis.
- Formalize mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions.
- Participate in multi-jurisdictional/multi-discipline all hazards exercises using NIMS concepts.
- Conduct after action reviews of large incidents and exercises and incorporate lessons learned into plans, policies, and procedures.
- Apply standardized and consistent terminology, including the establishment of plain English communication standards across public safety sector.
- Inventory community response assets to conform to FEMA and State resource typing standards.
- Develop use of ICS, multi-agency coordination systems (MACS), and public information procedures.

## Getting Started

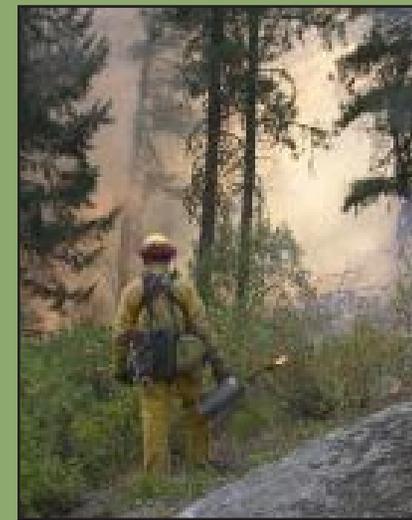
NIMS is the incident management system that is being used across the nation. If your agency or department is interested in becoming involved in nationwide response procedures or are receiving federal preparedness funding (grants or contracts that contribute to building preparedness and response capabilities), then there are a few things to do to begin the process.

- Contact your local county emergency coordinator.
- Discuss what NIMS can do for your agency or organization.
- Visit FEMA's NIMS website: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>.
- Enroll your emergency management and/or first responder personnel in the appropriate trainings.

Need more information?  
Contact the State NIMS Coordinator  
(208) 422-3040

Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security  
[www.bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/NIMS.aspx](http://www.bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/NIMS.aspx)

# NIMS



# NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



## What is NIMS?

NIMS is the National Incident Management System, a comprehensive, national approach to the management of disasters and emergencies. It is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines and is a consistent, flexible, and adjustable framework.

The use of NIMS allows first responders at all levels of government, along with the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to work together effectively and efficiently to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

Agencies and organizations that have integrated NIMS into their planning and incident management activities can arrive at an incident with little notice and still understand the procedures and protocols governing the response, as well as expectations for equipment and personnel.

## What is NIMS Compliance?

State, Tribal, and local governments are considered to be in compliance with NIMS if they have adopted and implemented NIMS objectives issued annually by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Objectives are developed from lessons learned during disasters, exercises, and other events.

All federal preparedness funding is contingent upon implementation and compliance with NIMS.

## NIMS Components

- Preparedness  
Planning  
Procedures and Protocols  
Training and Exercise
- Communication and Information Management  
Interoperability  
Reliability  
Scalability  
Portability  
Resiliency  
Redundancy of Systems
- Resource Management  
Type and Inventory Resources  
Personnel Qualifications and Credentialing  
Equipment Certification
- Command and Management  
Incident Command System (ICS)  
Multiagency Coordination Systems (MACs)  
Public Information
- Ongoing Management and Maintenance

## Training

- IS-700.a National Incident Management System, An Introduction
- IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction
- IS-100.b Introduction to ICS
- IS-200.b Basic ICS
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS
- G-402 ICS for Overview for Executives and Senior Officials
- IS-701.a NIMS Multiagency Coordination Systems (MACS)
- IS-702.a NIMS Public Information Systems
- IS-703.a NIMS Resource Management
- IS-704 NIMS Communication and Information Management
- IS-706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid

### Additional NIMS Courses

- G-191 ICS/EOC Interface
  - G-775 Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations
  - Hazard and role specific training
- For more information, visit <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>



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