

Volunteer Fire Department Resolution

Adoption of National Incident Management System-Incident Command System

The _____ **Volunteer Fire Department**, from the County of _____, recognizes that the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.

It is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest level of incident management.

To facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that the above mentioned Volunteer Fire Department utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualifications standards, uniform standards of planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters.

The NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the local ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

The Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs.

It is therefore, resolved, that the Officers of the above mentioned Volunteer Fire Department hereby establish and adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard command and control for incident management during emergency operations in or out of our response area.

Approved and Adopted this: _____ day of _____, _____.

Chief of Operations

Assistant Chief of Operations

ATTEST:

Secretary