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State of Ohio National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation Guidance (Federal Fiscal Year 2006)

The purpose of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-5 (Subject: Management of Domestic Incidents) is to enhance the ability of the United States to manage domestic incidents by establishing a single, comprehensive National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent national approach for federal, state and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together in response to incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity.

There are 23 state and 17 local NIMS compliance activities required for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 (October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006). NIMS training is one of the more critical compliance requirements that must be completed. The state of Ohio has experienced exceptional progress toward full implementation of NIMS, which required a determined and coordinated effort across state and local governments and the public safety sector.

On November 8, 2005 the NIMS Implementation Senior Advisory Committee reconvened to develop NIMS implementation guidance for Federal Fiscal Year 2006, the second phase of NIMS implementation. This guidance will assist state agencies and local jurisdictions in becoming NIMS compliant by the September 30, 2006 deadline.

The full integration of NIMS into plans, policies and procedures will affect the state of Ohio's ability to successfully respond to incidents and ultimately provide for the safety of Ohio's citizens. Also, the integration of NIMS into planning, training, exercise and routine operations is a requirement for preparedness funding.

The State of Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance for FFY2006 is available on the Ohio EMA Web page: www.ema.ohio.gov/NIMS.htm.

NIMS Training Requirements Overview

COURSES	AUDIENCE
<p>IS-700, IS-800, IS-100 and IS-200 (Note: IS-100 and IS-200 are the on-line equivalents of ICS 100 and ICS 200, based on the FEMA/EMI independent study course numbering system.)</p>	<p>Federal, State, Local, Private Sector and Non-Governmental Personnel, to include: first responders, disaster workers, first line supervisors, middle management, and command and general staff.</p>
<p>(ICS 300 and ICS 400 will be required courses for FFY 2007)</p>	

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (dated February 22)

Communications Training Update

The Communications Branch completed its last training session for the Ohio State Highway Patrol district technician staff. Training centered on the capabilities and deployment methods for the large mobile communication resources. Course participants toured the Ohio EMA Communications Van, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Special Response Vehicle and the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association's Regional Interoperability Vehicle. Training was also held for the Erie police and fire chiefs.

2007 Spills of National Significance Conference (Update)

The Plans branch chief attended a planning conference in Memphis, earlier this week, in preparation for the June 2007 Spills of National Significance Conference. The exercise scenario will be a catastrophic all-hazards event resulting with major spills into the Mississippi River. Ohio EMA's Operations Division will coordinate with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio National Guard and other state agencies to determine Ohio's level of participation.

EMA of Ohio and Ohio EMA Homeland Security Retreat

Ohio EMA management staff attended the Emergency Management Association of Ohio/Ohio Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security Annual Retreat at the Mohican State Park, February 21 and 22. Agenda topics included:

- The Role of Homeland Security in Emergency Management
- 2005 Homeland Security Survey and White Paper
- Update of State Homeland Security Grant Program 2006 Application
- Working Relationship between Ohio EMA and EMA of Ohio
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Emergency Management Professional Education
- Review of the semi-annual Directors' Conference format

**Spring 2006 Emergency Management and
Homeland Security Conference
March 28 & 29
(Mark your calendars!)**

Holiday Inn - Worthington
175 Hutchinson Avenue
Worthington, Ohio (614) 885-3334

Tuesday, March 28

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Emergency Management Association of Ohio Business Meeting

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Conference

Wednesday, March 29

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Conference

FEMA Assistance

Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:

Hurricane Rita (as of Feb. 22)
Louisiana 363,877
Texas 479,344

Hurricane Katrina (as of Feb. 22)
Alabama 114,715
Louisiana 1,075,262
Mississippi 515,650

Registration deadline for people affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita has been extended to **MARCH 11th**.

As of February 21, there were more than 2.5 million FEMA Individual Assistance registrations for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA has approved more than \$6.3 billion in disaster assistance to individual applicants from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

Ohio has 4,062 evacuee households that have registered for FEMA assistance.



Be Prepared. Plan for Disasters

Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week is
March 26 - April 1, 2006

Statewide Tornado Drill: March 29 at 9:50 a.m.

The best defense when faced with severe weather is preparedness. Every household, school and business should have an emergency plan for natural and man-made disasters. The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness offers the following tips on preparing for inclement weather.

Have a family meeting. Involve everyone in the household in the preparation of a disaster plan. Discuss the types of disasters that can affect you and your home. Ensure that everyone knows the difference between weather watches and warnings. Plan how to care for pets following a disaster.

Develop a family escape and shelter plan. Draw an overhead floor plan of your home. Determine two escape routes per room. Determine where to shelter during a tornado and where to meet outside of the home, in case of a fire.

Practice your plan. Conduct fire drills and tornado drills.

Organize disaster preparedness kits. Kits for the home and vehicle should have enough supplies to sustain every member of your home for three days.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

During times of non-disasters, citizens with special needs or disabilities should contact their local fire department and emergency management agency to inform them of their emergency needs. That way, first responders can ensure that residents will be notified of threatening conditions in their area.

Below is a checklist of items people should include in their disaster kits. The items are suggestions for people with special needs. This list is not exhaustive. Each kit should be designed to meet individual family's needs.

Equipment - emergency information lists; extra eye glasses; eating utensils; grooming, dental and dressing devices; hearing devices/extra batteries; flashlights/extra batteries; oxygen; suction equipment; dialysis equipment; sanitary supplies; bottled water/juices; extra prescribed medications; long canes or sticks to gauge depth of floodwaters.

Service Animal/Pet Supplies - pet food/water; leash/harness; collar; ID tags; pet medicines/records; vaccination tags and papers.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 19 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Mahoning County (Feb. 18-19)	20  Presidents' Day	21 HazMat TAC Med TAC (Both at Ohio EMA)	22	23	24	25 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Jackson County (Feb. 25-26)
26 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Jackson County (Feb. 25-26)	27	28	March 1 C/EXFE Exercise Butler County Fed Outreach Prog. Ohio EMA, Rm 204	2 FRMAC Training Ohio EMA, Rm 204	3	4
5	6 Damage Assessment Ohio EMA	7	8	9	10 Hazard Mitigation Course Ohio EMA	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Instructional Skills Course - Ohio EMA						
19	20	21	22	23 Debris Management Ohio EMA	24 Cost Documentation Ohio EMA	25
NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY WEEK (March 20-24)						
26	27	28 Directors Seminar - Holiday Inn Worthington, Ohio	29	30	31 Agriculture Exercise with Case Western University	April 1
SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK (March 26 - April 1) Wednesday, March 29 - 9:50 a.m. Statewide Tornado Drill						