

FFY 2009 Ohio NIMS Implementation Fact Sheet

What is the National Incident Management System?

- Comprehensive, nationwide systematic approach to incident management
- Core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology and organizational processes 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 and organizations
- Scalable and applicable for all incidents
- The NIMS Document can be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>

Key benefits of NIMS

- Enhances organizational and technological interoperability and cooperation
- Provides a scalable and flexible framework with universal applicability
- Promotes all-hazards preparedness
- Enables a wide variety of organizations to participate effectively in emergency management/incident response
- Institutionalizes professional emergency management/incident response practices

Federal Preparedness Funding Eligibility

Compliance with NIMS requirements is necessary to maintain eligibility for a range of federal preparedness grants under multiple programs for various disciplines.

NIMS Audience

NIMS is applicable to all incidents and all levels of stakeholders, including levels of government, private sector organizations, critical infrastructure owners and operators, nongovernmental organizations and all other organizations who assume a role in emergency management. Elected and appointed officials and policy makers, who are responsible for jurisdictional policy decisions, must also have a clear understanding of NIMS to better serve their constituency.

Federal Fiscal Year 2009 NIMS Activities

The NIMS Integration Center has not added or modified any existing FFY 2008 required activities for this federal fiscal year. FFY 2009 will be a 'maintenance' year for NIMS implementation, i.e. – NIMS stakeholders are expected to address outstanding FFY 2008 corrective action plans reflected in the NIMSCAST and to continue any ongoing implementation activities, such as training, resource typing, etc. Advanced Incident Command System training (ICS-400) for appropriate General and Command Staff should be completed by the end of FFY 2009 (September 30, 2009) as stated in the FFY 2008 requirements.

NIMSCAST (NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool)

Ohio recognizes NIMSCAST as the mechanism for tracking and reporting NIMS implementation progress. The system is internet-based. Accounts were established and account administrators identified in past years for each jurisdiction over 5,000 population in Ohio, all counties, and select state agencies. Since FFY 2009 objectives remain the same as those in FFY 2008, all responses entered into the FFY 2008 NIMSCAST have been carried over into the FFY 2009 NIMSCAST. **It is still necessary, however, to access the system, verify and/or update the responses that have been carried over, and to "Submit for Rollup" for this federal fiscal year.** The deadline for submitting FFY 2009 responses and updating existing NIMSCAST corrective action plans is **August 29, 2009.**

NIMS Training Requirements

All NIMS training requirements are ongoing and apply to new hires, promotions, and reassignments. Policies which ensure that appropriate levels of NIMS training are maintained should be established at the jurisdictional and/or departmental level.

Elected and appointed officials and policy makers (e.g. – trustees, mayors, commissioners, city managers, judges, council members, township administrators, finance directors, etc.) are required to take FEMA IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction. IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS) is recommended but not required.

Sheriffs, although elected, are first considered part of the ICS Command and General Staff category for the purposes of determining the appropriate level of training.

Training requirements summary by potential roles in an emergency:

- *Entry level first responders and disaster workers:* IS-700 and IS-100
- *First line supervisors in the ICS structure (i.e. – single resource leaders):* IS-700, IS-100 and IS-200 (Basic ICS)
- *Middle managers in the ICS structure (i.e. – strike team leaders):*
IS-700, IS-800 (National Response Framework), IS-100, IS-200, and ICS-300 (Intermediate ICS)
- *Command and General Staff in the ICS structure (i.e. – section chiefs, area commanders, select department heads with multi-agency coordination responsibilities, etc.):*
IS-700, IS-800, IS-100, IS-200, ICS-300, ICS-400 (Advanced ICS)

Guidance and Additional Information

The full Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance for this and past federal fiscal years can be accessed at: <http://ema.ohio.gov/NimsGuidance.aspx> .

Federal Guidance and resources relating to NIMS can be accessed at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>.
