LETTER OF PROMULGATION

On March 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security declared the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the national model for incident management and response. NIMS is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines. The intent of NIMS is to:

- Be applicable across a full spectrum of potential incidents and hazard scenarios, regardless of size or complexity.
- Improve coordination and cooperation between public and private entities in a variety of domestic incident management activities.

A key component of NIMS is the Incident Command System (ICS). The ICS is recognized as the foundation for an effective, “all hazard” emergency planning, and response and recovery capability. It is based on the following concepts and principles: common terminology; modular organization; management by objectives; incident actions plans; manageable span of control; pre-designated incident facilities; comprehensive resource management; integrated communications, command, and control; unified command; accountability; deployment; and information and intelligence management. NIMS and ICS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will enhance our readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline the incident management processes. NIMS and ICS shall be the university standards for incident management.

It is a directive to Northern Arizona University departments to plan for, and upon order, execute emergency tasks to ensure the safety and survival of the university population and protection of university property in the event of a disaster.

Date Adopted

AUTHENTICATION

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