

What is The National Incident Management System (NIMS)?



1. Adopted over 20 years ago from standards that were learned over 100 years by the US Forest Service, who learned (the hard way) how to scale up, manage and scale down the personnel, logistics and procedures to fight forest fires- especially out west.
2. NIMS guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from incidents.
3. Example of an “incident” would include a small or a major plane crash, a tornado, a hurricane, a building collapse, an oil spill, multiple car collision, a fire. Anything that causes the need for local or national response can be considered an incident.
4. NIMS provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the [National Preparedness System](#).
5. NIMS defines operational systems that guide how personnel work together during incidents; this includes clearly defined titles and roles.
6. Local jurisdictions are required to adopt NIMS in order to receive federal Preparedness grants. Virtually every county in the United States has an Emergency Coordinator.
7. Initial training is conducted online; in-depth training and evaluation is conducted via classroom as well as being rated during exercises and/or emergencies.
8. NIMS ensures that everyone is using standardized terminology, works standardized roles, has standardized duties, carries out standardized procedures; this means that people from anywhere in the US, working in virtually any role, can step in and more effectively participate and help during regional or national emergencies.
9. The Tri-County Airport has a comprehensive Emergency Plan.