

EXECUTIVE ORDER

05-03

Harford County, Maryland Adoption of the National Incident Management System

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maryland, in Executive Order 01.01.2005.09, directed that the National Incident Management System (NIMS), as developed and administered under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, shall be the State of Maryland standard for incident management; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that federal, state, county and municipal organizations use standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all federal, state, county and municipal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the County's ability to use federal funding to enhance county, municipal and volunteer agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. Be It Ordered by the County Executive of Harford County, Maryland, by virtue of the authority granted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, including the Harford County Code, that the National Incident Management System, as developed and administered under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, shall be the Harford County standard for incident management.

Section 2. Be It Further Ordered that all Harford County governmental agencies will adopt this system as a basis for command and control of emergency incidents in cooperation with state, municipal and volunteer response partners.

Section 3. Be It Further Ordered that the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations will continue to coordinate and facilitate an aggressive Incident Command System/National Incident Management System training program using a multi-disciplinary, all-hazards approach.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Harford County to be affixed this 14th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and five.

David R. Craig
DAVID R. CRAIG
Harford County Executive

ATTEST:

John J. O'Neill, Jr.
JOHN J. O'NEILL, JR.
Director of Administration

