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July 8, 2005

Mr. John W. Droneburg, III  
Director  
Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive  
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

Dear Mr. Droneburg:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding support for and compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). On behalf of County Commissioner President Wayne Cooper and the Charles County Board of Commissioners, I assure you that this County continues its pro-active implementation of NIMS initiatives.

The Department of Emergency Services (DES), led by Director Don McGuire, is our lead agency. In partnership with the Charles County Sheriff's Office, other agencies and emergency personnel countywide, DES developed, and the County adopted, our Emergency Operations Plan. In addition, we have implemented a comprehensive training program for appropriate personnel in accordance with State and federal guidance.

Charles County is a recognized leader in the State and the region in the area of Emergency Preparedness and is proud of our state-of-the-art 800 MHz public safety communications system and new Emergency Operations Center. The leadership and support of the County Commissioners assures the County's continued commitment to excellence in emergency services and to Homeland Security readiness.

We appreciate the support from and our partnership with the State of Maryland and MEMA as we work toward achieving the levels of interoperability and cooperation among all levels of government, so critical to all of our citizens in these post September 11<sup>th</sup> times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Greenfield  
Deputy County Administrator

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cc: County Commissioners  
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## *Department of Emergency Services*

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July 14, 2005

Mr. John Droneburg, Director  
Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive  
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

Dear Mr. Droneburg:

On behalf of the Charles County Commissioners, I want to reassure you that Charles County is moving forward to be in compliance of the National and State standards for incident management. Ms. Victoria Greenfield, Deputy County Administrator failed to mention in her letter to you on July 8, 2005 that Charles County adopted the National Incident Management System on September 28, 2004 to take effect October 1, 2004 (copy of resolution and executive order attached).

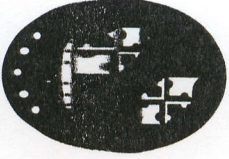
The emergency services staff has developed a plan for compliance and training associated with implementation for all essential County staff as well as working with the volunteer agencies to coordinate compliance.

The Charles County Commissioners are committed to continued support of our police, emergency medical services and the emergency services community on the efforts of Homeland Security as well as managing and dealing with our All Hazard Response Program.

Charles County has been a leader in the Southern Maryland Area with a proactive approach on such matter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald P. McGuire  
Director of Emergency Services



## County Commissioners of Charles County

Resolution 2004-132

WHEREAS, an emergency or disaster resulting from natural or man-made causes may effect Charles County at any time; and

WHEREAS, it is County government's duty to strive to eliminate or minimize the adverse effects of a variety of potential hazards, including, but not limited to: tornado, flood, hurricane, drought, blizzard, hazardous materials and acts of terrorism impacting domestic security; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of life and the protection of property can best be accomplished through an integrated and collaborative emergency response effort; and

WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 16A, imposes upon the County Commissioners specific responsibilities regarding the coordination of responses to such emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have reviewed the attached Executive Order which provides expressed authority to the President and /or Vice President of the Charles County Board of Commissioners, or in their absence, the Director, Charles County Department of Emergency Services, to carry out those responsibilities.

NOW THEREFORE, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, be it **RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The attached document entitled Executive Order No. 1A, incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby adopted; and
- 2) Authority be, and it hereby is, delegated by this Resolution to the President of the Charles County Board of Commissioners to execute Executive Order No. 1A; and
- 3) Finally, that Executive Order No. 1A shall take effect immediately upon its execution.

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