

**RESOLUTION NO. 390**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of case, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maryland, in Executive Order 01.01.2005.09 adopted NIMS as the Maryland State standard for incident management, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal 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 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 city's ability to utilize state and federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City that:

**A. Name, purpose and intent**

- (a) **Name.** The regulations hereby adopted shall constitute and shall hereafter be known as the "Pocomoke City National Incident Management System Regulations" and may be cited and is hereinafter referred to as the "NIMS Regulations".
- (b) **Purpose and Intent.** It is the intent of these Regulations to ensure the most efficient, consistent, and effective operations of Pocomoke City's public safety, public works, administration, elected officials, and other staff during an emergency incident. Pocomoke City has invested large sums of money on public safety equipment, personnel, and training, which is essential to the health, safety and welfare of its residents by providing law enforcement, public works, emergency medical services, fire suppression, and other staff and departments in times of terrorist acts, hurricanes, and other natural disasters. It is the purpose of this Regulations to require, as herein provided, that all persons or entities providing services and operating during an emergency in Pocomoke City do so in a manner that is consistent with the National Incident Management System guidelines. These operating guidelines shall be consistent with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, and the State of Maryland Executive Order 01.01.2005.09.

**B. Scope.** These Regulations shall apply only in the incorporated area of Pocomoke City.

**C. Administration and enforcement.**

- (a) **Administration and enforcement.** The responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these Regulation shall be vested in such agency as designated for such purpose by the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City. Such agency may delegate its own personnel and to other departments and their personnel such duties and responsibilities in connection with the administration and enforcement of these Regulations as are appropriate in judgement.
- (c) **Designated agency.** The Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City hereby designate the Worcester County Emergency Services Department for the administration and enforcement of these Regulations.

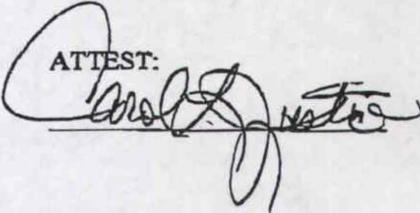
**D. General Provisions.**

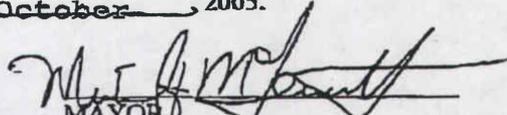
- (a) Training. Initial NIMS training has been provided to all employees and elected officials through the Worcester County Emergency Service Department.
- (b) Exercises. Pocomoke City will work with the Worcester County Department of Emergency Services regarding exercises, drills and other activities as necessary to maintain the NIMS training guidelines, and for new employees.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3 day of October, 2005.

ATTEST:



  
 MAYOR  
 POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND