

RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 10

Adoption of the National Incident Management System

A RESOLUTION of the President and Commissioners of Princess Anne establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as Princess Anne's Incident Management System, and improving eligibility for access to state and federal funding.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, ON February 28, 2003, President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive - 5 (HSPD-5) and directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides 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 cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01.01.2005.09, signed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., establishes a statewide standard for emergency operations at the local, state and federal levels to ensure that government agencies at all levels are able to "work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, and respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize 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 or disaster; 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 resources will improve the Town's ability to utilize state and federal funding to enhance local 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 State and the County, including current emergency management training programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Commissioners of Princess Anne, that:

I. Adoption of System and purpose,

- A. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) shall be the Incident Management Regulations for Princess Anne, Maryland.
- B. It is the purpose and intent of these regulations to ensure the most efficient, consistent, and effective operation of the Town's public safety, public works, administration, elected officials, and other staff during an emergency incident. It is the intent of these regulations to require, as herein provided, that all persons or entities providing services and operating during an emergency in the Town do so in a manner that is consistent with the National Incident Management System guidelines.

II. Administration and Enforcement.

- A. These regulations shall apply only in the incorporated limits of the Town of Princess Anne, Maryland.
- B. The responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these regulations shall be vested in the Princess Anne Police Department or such other department as the President and Commissioners may from time to time designate.

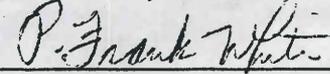
III. General Provisions.

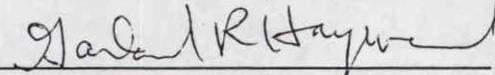
- A. The Somerset County Department of Emergency Services will coordinate initial NIMS training to all Town employees and elected officials.
- B. The Somerset County Department of Emergency Services will coordinate exercises, drills, and other activities as necessary in cooperation with all town departments to maintain the NIMS guidelines.
- C. The Town shall not distribute eligible grant funding to those departments whose personnel are not trained or are not operating under the NIMS guidelines.

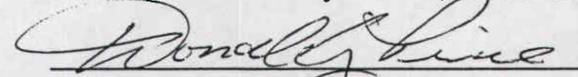
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective from the date of adoption and shall remain in effect until it is superseded or terminated by a public local law, resolution or other formal action by the President and Commissioners of Princess Anne.

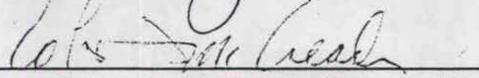
ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2005 by the President and Commissioners of Princess Anne by a vote of 5 votes "for" and 0 votes "against" this Resolution.

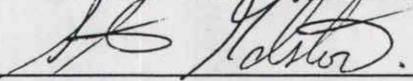
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