

How Do I Get Started?

If you are responsible for training in your department, organization or agency, you should consider the following:



1. Complete the IS-700 on-line course which can be accessed via <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp> or enroll in an ICS course.
2. Determine needed training levels. For example, review personnel lists and consider what role may be

EXPECTED of staff during an incident (not every day roles and responsibilities). A training template is available via MEMA's website at www.mema.state.md.us

3. Complete a NIMS ICS training plan using the template and information provided on the Maryland Emergency Management Agency's website.
4. Brief your agency or department key senior leaders on the NIMS ICS initiatives in Maryland. A NIMS orientation Powerpoint is available for download via MEMA's website.
5. If your agency or department is a local government entity, contact your training coordinator and/or local emergency manager.
6. Plan collaboratively and train collectively with your Core Discipline partners.
7. If you have initiated NIMS ICS training activities, be sure you are tracking who has received what level of training.
8. Integrate and include in your response plans, exercises and drills.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Maryland Emergency Management Agency
www.mema.state.md.us
www.marylandics.org
1-877-MEMA USA

Emergency Management Institute
www.training.fema.gov/emiweb
1-800-238-3358

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
www.mfri.org
1-800-ASK MFRI

Maryland Department
of Health and Mental Hygiene
www.dhmd.state.md.us
410-931-1513

Maryland Police and
Correctional Training Commissions
www.mdle.net
410-875-3400

Maryland Institute for
Emergency Medical Services Systems
www.miemss.org
410-706-5074

NIMS Online
www.nimsonline.com



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MARYLAND



NIMS ICS

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What Is NIMS?

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a system that provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State and Local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity.

What Does "Adoption" Mean?

Adoption can be defined as "formally recognizing the NIMS and adopting NIMS principles and policies. States, territories, tribes and local entities should establish legislation, executive orders, resolutions or ordinances to formally adopt the NIMS."



What Does NIMS Include?

The NIMS includes Command and Management, Preparedness, Resource Management, Communications and Information Management, Supporting Technologies, and Ongoing Management and Maintenance. The Incident Command System (ICS) is ONLY one component of NIMS, but the most important for establishing Command and Management.



Who Are Our Partners?

Response experience has proven that effective and efficient incident management is accomplished through ICS and its ability to integrate a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure.

Maryland's priority is the adoption and implementation of the NIMS ICS and has identified the following 10 Core Disciplines to undergo training and implement ICS to communicate priorities, plans and actions:

- Fire Service
- Hazardous Material Personnel
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Government Administration
- Public Safety Communications
- Health Care
- Public Health



Who Is Providing Guidance For Maryland?

The NIMS Implementation strategy for Maryland has been developed through a collaborative effort by several State agencies including the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health.

The Strategy provides recommendations and guidance to develop a NIMS ICS training plan and to help training personnel determine who requires training and at what level. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency is the lead Agency for this effort in Maryland.

