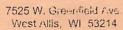


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Resolution

File Number: R-2004-0320 Final Action: NOV 1 6 2004

Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System by the City of West Allis.

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPS-5 establishes the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and,

WHEREAS, the NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the Nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to domestic incident management; and,

WHEREAS, the NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State and local governments to work together to prepare for and respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and,

WHEREAS, the NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility among Federal, State and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology and technologies covering the incident command system, unified command, training, management of resources and reporting; and

WHEREAS, beginning October 1, 2004, all Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of the NIMS a requirement for providing Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities to local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that it hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents.

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ADOPTED

Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED

Jeannette Bell, Mayor





FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Mayor Bell and Common Council

From: Chief Steven J. Hook

Date: November 9, 2004

Re: National Incident Management System (NIMS)

STEVEN J. HOOK Fire Chief

ROBERT F. PIECHURA Asst. Chief of Training

GARY A. STREICHER Asst. Chief of Operations

STEVEN D. BANE Asst. Chief of EMS

MARTIN M. KING Asst. Chief of Fire Prevention

For your review, I've attached information regarding the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System (NIMS). In order to be considered for future Homeland Security grant funds, municipalities were required to adopt and implement the NIMS for their community by October 1, 2004. This deadline was extended because the federal government was unable to produce training materials and distribute them within their original timeframe.

The fire department already has a methodology in place to utilize the NIMS. Our Incident Command System (ICS) coordinates emergency events. Your Council recently approved our participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), which is a multiagency coordination system and we have equipment and resources that support our activities. In addition, we routinely train with other agencies in preparation of a serious event.

On October 21st, our department participated in a mass casualty large-scale biohazard training event at the Milwaukee Mile. This event tested our ability to use components of the NIMS and provided an opportunity to work with numerous emergency management agencies and health agencies to work out any problems with our system.

I am providing this information to help your Council with their decision to adopt the National Incident Management System for use in our city. Please review the attached information and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC 20528



March 1, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Cabinet Secretaries Agency Directors Members of Congress

Governors Mayors

County, Township, and Parish Officials State Homeland Security Advisors Homeland Security Advisory Council

State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal First Responders

FROM:

Tom Ridge / Dr Belge

SUBJECT:

National Incident Management System

In Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, Management of Domestic Incidents, the President directed me to develop, submit for review to the Homeland Security Council, and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system will provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

The NIMS has undergone extensive vetting and coordination within the Federal family. The development process has also included extensive outreach to State, local, and tribal officials; to the emergency response community; and to the private sector. As a result, the NIMS incorporates the best-practices currently in use by incident managers at all levels. In addition, effective incident management in the homeland security environment we now face involves new concepts, processes, and protocols that will require additional development and refinement over time. The collective input and guidance from all of our homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the further development of an effective and comprehensive NIMS.

HSPD-5 requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt the NIMS and to use it in their individual domestic incident management and emergency prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and activities, as well as in support of those actions taken to assist State, local, or tribal entities. The directive also requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, tribal and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in FY 2005. Compliance with certain aspects of the NIMS will be possible in the short-term, such as adopting the basic tenets of the Incident Command System identified in this document. Other aspects of the NIMS, however, will require further development and refinement to enable compliance at future dates.

I ask for your continued cooperation and assistance as we further develop and implement the NIMS and the associated National Response Plan (NRP). I look forward to working with you as we continue our collective efforts to better secure the homeland and protect our citizens from both natural disasters and acts of terrorism.

PREFACE

On February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)–5, *Management of Domestic Incidents*, which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, including acts of catastrophic terrorism. This document establishes the basic elements of the NIMS and provides mechanisms for the further development and refinement of supporting national standards, guidelines, protocols, systems, and technologies.

Building on the foundation provided by existing incident management and emergency response systems used by jurisdictions and functional disciplines at all levels, this document integrates best practices that have proven effective over the years into a comprehensive framework for use by incident management organizations in an all-hazards context (terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies) nationwide. It also sets in motion the mechanisms necessary to leverage new technologies and adopt new approaches that will enable continuous refinement of the NIMS over time. This document was developed through a collaborative, intergovernmental partnership with significant input from the incident management functional disciplines, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

The NIMS represents a core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes to enable effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management at all levels. It is not an operational incident management or resource allocation plan. To this end, HSPD-5 requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a National Response Plan (NRP) that integrates Federal government domestic prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery plans into a single, all-disciplines, all-hazards plan. The NRP, using the comprehensive framework provided by the NIMS, will provide the structure and mechanisms for national-level policy and operational direction for Federal support to State, local, and tribal incident managers and for exercising direct Federal authorities and responsibilities as appropriate under the law.

HSPD-5 requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt the NIMS and to use it in their individual domestic incident management and emergency prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and activities, as well as in support of all actions taken to assist State, local, or tribal entities. The directive also requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance (through grants, contracts, and other activities) beginning in FY 2005. Jurisdictional compliance with certain aspects of the NIMS will be possible in the short term, such as adopting the basic tenets of the Incident

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Command System (ICS) identified in this document. Other aspects of the NIMS, however, will require additional development and refinement to enable compliance at a future date (e.g., data and communications systems interoperability). The Secretary of Homeland Security, through the NIMS Integration Center discussed in Chapter VII, will publish separately the standards, guidelines, and compliance protocols for determining whether a Federal, State, local, or tribal entity has adopted the aspects of the NIMS that are in place by October 1, 2004. The Secretary, through the NIMS Integration Center, will also publish, on an ongoing basis, additional standards, guidelines, and compliance protocols for the aspects of the NIMS not yet fully developed.