



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System for management of domestic emergencies and disasters. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The Homeland Security Presidential Directive #5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the purpose of enhancing the ability of the United States to manage domestic incidents (including terrorism, human caused events and natural disasters) by establishing standard processes, protocols and procedures.

The City of Long Beach has utilized California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) for the last decade. NIMS includes enhancements based on SEMS. Both systems share a core Incident Command System (ICS) element, which is a concept developed thirty years ago in the aftermath of a devastating California wildfire. Additional components in NIMS address planning, training, exercise design and delivery, information and communications, logistics, quality control and technology. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) will be integrating the NIMS program into SEMS and all agencies in California will transition to the new program.

Full compliance with NIMS will be mandatory by September 30, 2006. However, since specific requirements are still under development, compliance with NIMS is a phased process. The first action in this process is for governmental agencies to certify that its governing body has adopted NIMS no later than September 30, 2005. This action is required in order to qualify for post-disaster personnel cost reimbursement, as well as to maintain eligibility for federal anti-terrorism grants.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on September 8, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 1, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 20, 2005 in order to meet the compliance deadline from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of September 30, 2005.

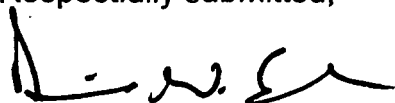
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund at this time. Although emergency response personnel will require training under NIMS, unbudgeted training costs are unknown and departments will attempt to absorb those costs within existing budgets. The cost of non-compliance is also undetermined, but the City would not be eligible to receive reimbursement funding following disasters nor future grants for Homeland Security needs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

APPROVED:



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