

# **ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES**

## **RESOLUTION**

**November 14, 2005**

**WHEREAS**, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) that 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**, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System (ICS) to enhance command, control and communications capabilities; and HSPD-5 requires that all federal, state, territorial, local, and tribal entities institutionalize the use of both NIMS and ICS within their emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive FY 2006 preparedness funding, minimum implementation requirements must have been met; and for FY 2007 and beyond, federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all federal, state, local, and tribal emergency management agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

**WHEREAS**, 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, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will enhance the City's response readiness capabilities, first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of the Lewes Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) as well as various incident management activities

throughout the State and Sussex County, including public safety and emergency response organization training programs.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lewes, I do hereby mandate that the concepts and principles of the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System be utilized as the City's official incident management system for day-to-day emergency operations, and during major incident response operations involving State or Federal participation within the City of Lewes.

I further proclaim this Resolution to take effect immediately.

Given under my hand and Seal of the City of Lewes, at the City of Lewes, Delaware, this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand five.

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**James L. Ford, III**  
Mayor