The National Incident Management System (NIMS) can help integrate your planning and incident support mechanisms to include the “whole community.”

National Incident Management System implementation

Communities across the nation experience a diverse set of threats, hazards and events. The size, frequency, complexity and scope of these incidents vary, but all involve a range of personnel and organizations to coordinate efforts to save lives, stabilize the incident, and protect property and the environment.

Jurisdictions and organizations must work together to share resources, integrate tactics and act collaboratively. NIMS can help you plan your organization’s comprehensive approach.
NIMS supports the Incident Command System characteristics of unity of effort, common terminology, organizational structures, span of control, transfer of command, chain of command and other organizational characteristics.

... and much more

NIMS also supports:

- **Preparedness activities.**
  - Threat and hazard identification/risk assessment.
  - National Qualifications System.
  - Credentialing of personnel.
  - Planning to deliver capabilities.
  - Training and exercise.
  - Public information.
  - Communications and information management.
  - Mutual aid.

- **Incident management activities.**
  - Command and Coordination.
  - Capacity building and sustaining capabilities.
  - Information sharing.
  - Intelligence/Investigations function.
  - Critical infrastructure and key resources.

NIMS provides the framework to integrate all your planning and incident support mechanisms.

For information on how to implement NIMS in your community, visit www.fema.gov.

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