

# NIMS can help



**The National Incident Management System (NIMS) can help leverage and manage your resources and those of the private sector and volunteer organizations.**

## **Resource Management**

Resource management, a key task to building and sustaining capabilities, is a component of the NIMS doctrine. NIMS can help your organization to manage its resources — personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies — and help prepare for possible risks.

Most jurisdictions or organizations do not own and maintain all the resources necessary to address all potential threats and hazards. To prepare for and respond to a wide range of emergencies, they need to leverage resources from within the community — public, private and volunteer — and enter into mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions or organizations.



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NIMS provides for three ways to manage your resources so that you can effectively share with and leverage the resources of others.

- **Resource management preparedness:** requires you to identify and type resources; qualify, certify and credential personnel; plan for resources; and acquire, store and inventory resources.
- **Resource management during an incident:** Involves identifying requirements; ordering and acquiring resources; mobilizing, tracking and reporting on resources; demobilizing; and reimbursement and restocking.
- **Mutual aid agreement:** Mutual aid provides essential assistance to fill mission needs through sharing resources and services between jurisdictions or organizations.

For more information about resource management and NIMS, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).



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