



N.I.M.S. Components

1. Command & Management
(Includes need for Multi - Agency Coordination Systems)
2. Preparedness
3. Resource Management
4. Communications & Information Management
5. Supporting Technologies
6. On-going Management and Maintenance

Components Addressed

1. Provides Command detailed view of who & what are on scene. Also tracks all resources from all disciplines & jurisdictions.
2. Implementation of this auto-detection technology is a preparedness measure.
3. Can track anyone and anything with a wireless tag.
4. Provides CRITICAL information to the Resource Manager and Incident Commander through wireless communication.
5. This technology significantly supports Incident Operations

N.I.M.S. Statements

“Maintaining an accurate up-to-date picture of resource utilization is a critical component of domestic incident management”.

“Effective information management enhances incident management and response and helps insure that crisis decision-making is better informed”.

“Check-In. All responders, regardless of agency affiliation, must report in to receive an assignment in accordance with the procedures established by the I.C.”.

“Technology and technological systems provide supporting capabilities essential to implementing and continuously refining NIMS. These include voice and data communication systems, information management systems, and data display systems. Also included are specialized technologies that facilitate ongoing operations and incident management activities in situations that call for unique technology-based capabilities”.

“Management Information Systems. Used to collect, update and process data; track resources; and display their readiness status. These tools enhance information flow and provide real-time data in a fast paced environment where different jurisdictions and functional agencies managing different aspects of the incident life cycle must coordinate their efforts. Examples include geographic information systems (GIS), resource tracking systems, transportation tracking systems, inventory management systems, and reporting systems”.

Meeting N.I.M.S. Requirements - OnSite ERT:

- Is a Multi-agency Coordination system as described in the Command & Management NIMS Component ensuring mission integration & interoperability across functional and jurisdictional lines, greatly assisting communities in achieving Preparedness requirements.
- Will provide data to the IC/UC (through the Resource Manager) on who (personnel) and what (apparatus) is on scene, as well as National Credentialing data for all emergency responders and volunteers.
- Will encompass resources contributed by private-sector and nongovernmental organizations when needed.
- Will provide data to the IC/UC on the mobile equipment that is on scene and what equipment each is carrying.
- Will provide all of this tracking data “automatically”, in real-time without the need to physically enter the data. (Faster, more accurate data).
- Meets the NIMS statement, “Ideally, these (resource) managers would display this real-time information in a centralized database accessible to all NIMS partners, allowing total visibility of assets”.
- Is an information management system that will help ensure the data on resources flows efficiently to the people who need it.
- Is a system that will facilitate ongoing operations and incident management activities. (A “Supporting Technology”).
- Meets the “Comprehensive Resource Management” description and will provide an “up-to-date” picture of resource utilization.
- Simplifies and improves the “Check-In” and “Resource Tracking” requirements under “Accountability”.
- Can be expanded in the future to include wireless handhelds for supervisors to track personnel over the entire scene.
- Has the ability to track single resources, task forces and strike teams.