



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Council Session

## Item G3

**#2007-270 - Approving the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Standard for Incident Management**

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director  
**Meeting:** November 13, 2007  
**Subject:** NIMS Resolution  
**Item #'s:** G-3  
**Presenter(s):** Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director

## Background

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5) "Management of Domestic Incidents" requires States, territories, tribal entities, and local jurisdictions adopt and implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in emergency planning, training, exercises, and responses. This process is also referred to as NIMS Compliance and requires the steps such as regular use of the Incident Command System, incident management training, resource management, interoperable communications, planning and exercises. NIMS Compliance is required for participation in many State and Federal grant programs.

## Discussion

NIMS provides a framework for interoperability and compatibility by balancing flexibility and standardization. NIMS provides a flexible framework that facilitates government and private entities at all levels working together to manage domestic incidents. This flexibility applies to all phases of incident management, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. NIMS provides a set of standardized organizational structures, as well as requirements for processes, procedures, and systems designed to improve interoperability. This standardization allows outside resources to more effectively collaborate with other partnering resources.

According to HSPD-5, local, state, tribal, and federal governments are to adopt and implement the use of NIMS to ensure the best possible results of pre-disaster activities, including preparation, training, technological upgrades, policy and legislation. NIMS also allows organizations and governments to better respond to an emergency in an organized and appropriate manner.

The first compliancy requirement for local jurisdictions is to formally adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Adoption is made by proclamation, resolution, executive order, legislation or some other official method. Such adoption states that the City of Grand Island formerly recognizes the NIMS as the method to be used in all aspects of incident management. The components of NIMS includes command and management, preparedness (including training), resource management, interoperable communication and information management, supporting technologies, and ongoing maintenance and support.

Jurisdictions that cannot maintain NIMS compliancy will forfeit eligibility for certain federal and state funding and grants.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City standard for incident management.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for the City of Grand Island for incident management.

RESOLUTION 2007-270

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5) "Management of Domestic Incidents" requires that states, territories, tribal entities and local jurisdictions adopt and implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in emergency planning; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the NIMS will ensure the best possible results of pre-disaster activities which will allow government entities to better respond to an emergency in an appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the NIMS will validate the City of Grand Island formerly recognizes the NIMS as the method to be used in all aspects of incident management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City standard for incident management is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 13, 2007.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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November 8, 2007        ☐ City Attorney