

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2014-064**

*Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for all Incident Management in the City of Columbia, South Carolina*

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of "Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; 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 effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and,

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

WHEREAS, HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, tribal, and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in fiscal year 2005; 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, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command 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 improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and,

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and,

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 15th day of July, 2014 that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is hereby established as the City standard for incident management. It is further directed that all Departments within the City of Columbia will actively incorporate the Incident Command System into their daily operations and further adhere to all NIMS compliance recommendations and directives, as appropriate. All Departments are further directed that maximum coordination will be initiated and maintained throughout the city's daily operations and during incidents/events.

Requested by:

Chief of Police \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

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