



East Meets West

facing challenges  
making connections



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## **The National Incident Management System**

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# Incident Management

“ ...the process of managing multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional responses to unplanned events .”



# The National Incident Management System

“...a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.”



# NIMS is...

a core set of:

- Doctrines
- Concepts
- Principles
- Terminology
- Organizational processes

Applicable to all hazards



# Key Concepts

## ■ Flexibility

- Applicable regardless of incident cause, size, location, or complexity.

## ■ Standardization

- Key to interoperability and compatibility



# NIMS Components

- Command and Management
- Preparedness
- Resource Management
- Communications and Information Management
- Supporting Technologies
- Ongoing Management and Maintenance



# NIMS calls for standards in the areas of...

- Incident management training and exercises
- Qualifications and certification of emergency responder and incident management personnel
- Credentialing
- Resource typing
- Equipment certification



# NIMS calls for standards in the areas of...

- Interoperability of incident management equipment and communication
- Data for incident notification, situation reports, status reporting, analytical data, geospatial information, wireless communication, identification and authentication, and incident reports





# NIMS Integration Center (NIC)

- Responsible for the management and maintenance of the NIMS
- All users and stakeholders participate in NIMS Integration Center activities



# NIC activities in standards

- ANSI-HSSP Training Workshop
- Inter-Agency Board (IAB)
- ASTM International
- Standards Portfolio in S & T



# “...facing challenges and making connections”

The nation faces the challenge of managing the incidents of all sizes and degrees of complexity. The NIMS outlines an approach and emphasizes flexibility and standardization. The key to success is the connections that are made with our national and international partners.

