

Establishing The National Incident Management System (NIMS) As Ulster County's Standard For Emergency Incident Management – Emergency Management/Emergency Communications

The Criminal Justice / Public Safety / STOP DWI Committee (Chairman Meyer and Legislators Aiello, DePew, Every, Dart, Feldmann and Hyatt) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the National Commission of Terrorist Attacks (The 9/11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5) directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) 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, 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, 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 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 County's ability to utilize Federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management training processes, and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System component of NIMS is already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout Ulster County, including current emergency management training programs, 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 the fiscal year 2005, and

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WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice/Public Safety/STOP DWI Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the County of Ulster's standard for emergency incident management,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Donaldson, Every,
Gerentine, Hathaway and Hyatt)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE