



VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

Department of Fire Rescue



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DT: April 17, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

FR: Jacqueline R. Menendez, Village Manager

RE: Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Village Council approve a Resolution to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) which provides for a national approach to incident management applicable to all jurisdictions and functional disciplines.

BACKGROUND

In March 2004, the Secretary of Homeland Security, at the request of the President, released the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NIMS is a comprehensive system that improves local response operations through the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the application of standardized procedures and preparedness measures. It promotes development of cross-jurisdictional, statewide, and interstate regional mechanisms for coordinating response and obtaining assistance during a large-scale or complex incident.

Local authorities, not federal, have the primary responsibility for preventing, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The overwhelming majority of emergency incidents are handled on a daily basis by a single jurisdiction at a local level. It is critically important that all jurisdictions comply with the NIMS because the challenges we face as a nation are far greater than the capabilities of any one jurisdiction; they are not, however, greater than the sum of all of us working together through mutual support. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, requires state and local jurisdictions to implement the NIMS to receive federal preparedness funding.

NIMS compliance should be considered and undertaken as a community-wide effort. The benefit of NIMS is most evident at the local level, when a community as a whole prepares for and provides an integrated response to an incident. Incident response organizations (to include local public health, public works, emergency management, fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement, hazardous materials, private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, medical organizations, utilities, and others) must work together to comply with NIMS components, policies, and procedures. Implementation of the NIMS in every local jurisdiction establishes a baseline capability that once established nationwide, can be used as a foundation upon which more advance homeland security capabilities can be built.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, the President directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). On March 1, 2004, the Secretary issued the NIMS to provide a comprehensive national approach to incident management, applicable to all jurisdictional levels across functional disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, tribal and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS establishes standard incident management processes, protocols and procedures so that all responders can work together more effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Federal NIMS Integration Center was established to oversee all aspects of NIMS, including the development of NIMS related standards and guidelines and support to guidance for incident management and responder organizations as they implement the system. The Center will validate compliance with the NIMS and National Response Plan responsibilities, standards and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of emergency incidents are handled on a daily basis by a single jurisdiction at the local government level and may involve multiple jurisdictions, functional agencies and emergency responder disciplines. These instances require effective and efficient coordination across the spectrum of organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS is based on an appropriate balance of flexibility and standardization in order to provide a framework for interoperability and compatibility during incident operations; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS provides a consistent, flexible and adjustable national framework within which government and private entities at all levels can work together to manage domestic incidents, regardless of their cause, size, location, or complexity. This flexibility applies across all phases of incident management: prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the recitals stated above is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Recognition. That the Village Council hereby recognizes the NIMS and adopts NIMS principles and policies.

Section 3. Authorization. That the Village Council directs the Village Manager to establish a NIMS baseline by determining which NIMS requirements have already been met.

Section 4. Implementation. The Village Council directs the Village Manager to establish a timeframe and develop a strategy for full Village of Key Biscayne NIMS implementation.

Section 5. Direction. The Village Council directs all Village departments, agencies, organizations, to institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System.

Section 6. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2006.

ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC

VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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