

The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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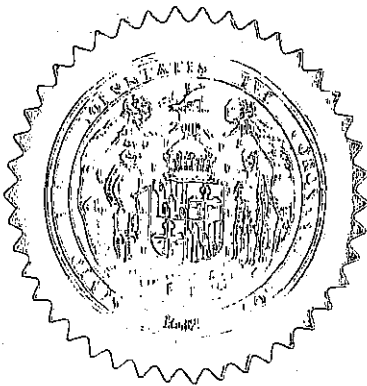
State of Maryland Adoption of the National Incident Management System

- WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity;
- WHEREAS, In order 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 standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;
- 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;
- 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, 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.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. The National Incident Management System, as developed and administered under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, shall be the State standard for incident management.

B. All State governmental agencies will adopt this system as a basis for command and control of emergency incidents in cooperation with the local jurisdictional response partners.

C. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency, in concurrence with the Governor's Office for Homeland Security, will coordinate and facilitate an aggressive Incident Command System/National Incident Management System training program utilizing a multi-disciplinary, all-hazards approach.



GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 4th day of March, 2005.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Karl Aumann", written over a horizontal line.

R. Karl Aumann
Secretary of State