

NIMS Compliance Activities to be Achieved during FY 2005:

States and Territories:

- Incorporate NIMS into existing training programs and exercises;
- Ensure that federal preparedness funding supports state, local and tribal NIMS implementation;
- Incorporate NIMS into Emergency Operations Plans;
- Promote intrastate mutual aid agreements;
- Coordinate and provide NIMS technical assistance to local entities; and
- Institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System.

State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Jurisdictions:

- Complete the NIMS Awareness Course: “National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction” IS 700. This independent study course developed by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The course is available on the EMI web page at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>.
- Formally recognize the NIMS and adopt NIMS principles and policies. States, territories, tribes and local entities should establish legislation, executive orders, resolutions or ordinances to formally adopt the NIMS. Go to <http://www.fema.gov/nims> and see NIMS Resources for examples.
- Determine which NIMS requirements already have been met. Clearly state, territorial, tribal, and local entities have already implemented many of the concepts and protocols identified in the NIMS. As gaps in compliance with the NIMS are identified, States, territories, tribes, and local entities should use existing initiatives such as the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Homeland Security grant programs, to develop strategies for addressing those gaps.
- Develop a strategy and timeframe for full NIMS implementation. States, territories, tribes, and local entities are encouraged to achieve full NIMS implementation during FY 2005. To the extent that full implementation is not possible during FY 2005, federal preparedness assistance must be leveraged to complete NIMS implementation by FY 2006. By FY 2007, federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS. States should work with the tribal and local governments to develop a strategy for statewide compliance with the NIMS.
- Institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System (ICS). All state, territorial, tribal, and local entities are required to adopt ICS in order to be compliant with the NIMS. See NIMS and the Incident Command System at <http://www.fema.gov/nims> under NIMS Resources.

FY 2006 and FY 2007 Requirements:

In order to receive FY 2006 preparedness funding, applicants will need to certify as part of their FY 2006 grant applications that they have met the FY 2005 NIMS requirements.

Questions? Ask the NIC at NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov.