


**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief   
**SUBJECT:** National Incident Management System (NIMS)  
**DATE:** September 19, 2006

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as part of the City's emergency response standards.

- FACTS:**
1. The Federal Government has directed the promulgation of NIMS as a means for all levels of government to work together effectively in disaster operations.
  2. The Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security to integrate NIMS into the state's emergency management system.
  3. The City has the potential to call upon the assistance of State and Federal resources during times of disaster.
  4. Effective utilization of mixed resources requires the use of a common management system during a major emergency or disaster.
  5. Certain State and Federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes is contingent on the City's adoption and integration of NIMS.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Through recent disaster experience, the Federal government has determined the need for a single emergency management system that is used by all levels of government. The system, known as National Incident Management System (NIMS), will provide for a higher degree of coordination between the local, state, and federal agencies when responding to disasters.

The City and State use a similar system now. Minor modifications to the current system will be required, mostly in the area of additional training.

Grant funding for certain projects will require the City's adoption and integration of the new emergency management system, NIMS. The City has already received several hundred thousand dollars from these grant programs.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** None

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** None.

**OPTIONS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 06xx approving integration of NIMS into its emergency planning and operations functions; or
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
INTEGRATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) INTO ITS  
EMERGENCY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FUNCTIONS

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WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive-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 prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, and;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation, and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; 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, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, utilization of NIMS for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve the City of Paso Robles' ability to access State and Federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that that the City will integrate NIMS, to the extent appropriate, into the existing emergency management system.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Frank Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk