

ONGOING LOCAL NIMS COMPLIANCE EFFORTS AND INFORMATION

October 13, 2005 – [Stanislaus Operational Area NIMS Update #1](#) and sample [resolutions](#).

August 11, 2005 – At the Operational Area Council Meeting on August 11, 2005, Chief Russ Richards presented an overview of recent NIMS developments on the State level. The [August 3, 2005 letter from Henry Renteria, Director of State OES](#), was provided along with the SEMS/NIMS Integration Status. Local NIMS Implementation responsibilities include: “Formally recognizing the NIMS and adopting the NIMS principles and policies; Establish a NIMS baseline by determining which NIMS requirements you already meet; Establish a timeframe and develop a strategy for full NIMS implementation; Completing the NIMS Awareness Course: “National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction” (IS 700); Institutionalize the use of ICS.”

February 16, 2005 – Presentation to Stanislaus County Emergency Response Team on NIMS. A brief presentation was made to the team on NIMS and its future impact on planning, training and operations within Stanislaus County. A discussion was held regarding implementation timelines and strategies of adoption for the county and other local partner agencies.

The Office of Emergency Services is engaged on the NIMS project and related requirements by regular consultation of the NIMS Integration Center (NIC) - <http://www.fema.gov/nims/nims.shtm>. The NIC provides guidelines on training, integration and implementation of NIMS into the federal, state and local systems. The site includes a link to the training component that lists extensive training opportunities, including an “on-line” course called, “IS-700 – National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) – An Introduction” <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>.

Progress of the NIMS integration process will become a regular agenda item for the Stanislaus County Operational Area Council.

During the month of February 2005, Stanislaus County OES will conduct the NIMS baseline survey, assessing the capabilities of the county and its programs. The result of this survey will be combined with any other local baseline surveys, and thereafter rolled up to the State OES level for inclusion in the state baseline assessment. Each state, in turn, submits their assessment to the federal NIC to ultimately determine the state of readiness as well as identifying areas to be strengthened through training, mitigation, equipment acquisition and funding. Stanislaus County will likewise use the local baseline assessment to identify needs and to guide future training, exercises and preparedness efforts.

Timelines as well as strategies for partial and full implementation of NIMS into local systems, including the Operational Area, cities and private cooperators, are under review at this time, pending clarification of several guidelines issued by the NIMS Integration Center.

January 20, 2005 – Presentation to Stanislaus Operational Area Council. A presentation was made to attendees of the January OAC meeting focused on an overview of the National Incident Response System (NIMS) and the National Response Plan (NRP), both resulting from Homeland Security Presidential Declarations (HSPD) 5 and 8. Concepts of the NRP and NIMS were discussed, including their application to federal, state and local levels of government. The relationship between ICS, SEMS and NIMS was detailed, indicating that California was in an extremely advantageous position due to our familiarity, adoption and ongoing use of ICS. Further discussions were related to adoption timelines, adoption processes and the integration of NIMS into future training, exercise and planning.

January 5, 2005 – Mutual Aid Region Advisory Committee (MARAC) Meeting – NIMS overview from state perspective by Jerry Kopp, California OE, PTAB Branch. Updated MARAC Inland members on the status of State OES regarding interpretation and compliance with Federal NIMS program. Discussed federal timelines, compliance measurement programs, and information available to local agencies. Most information is available on the Internet at various federal and state web sites.

More information may be obtained at the following web sites:

Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) home page -
<http://www.fema.gov>

National Incident Management System (NIMS) -
<http://www.fema.gov/nims/>

National Incident Management System Integration Center (NIC) -
<http://www.fema.gov/nims/nims.shtm>

NIMS Training - http://www.fema.gov/nims/nims_training.shtm

NIMS News - http://www.fema.gov/nims/nims_news.shtm