

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Fire Department ~ Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-051, approving the integration of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into Riverside County's Emergency Management System.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2006-051 and approve the integration of the National Incident Management System into the emergency management program in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: In 2003, The President via 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 disaster situations. By October 2006, all local jurisdictions will be required to adopt and use NIMS. In California, we are fortunate because we were the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) for use by every emergency response organization. SEMS has been adopted and used throughout the State, including Riverside County, since 1993. California's emergency management professionals contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System and our use of SEMS substantially meets the objectives of NIMS. Adoption of this resolution will signify Riverside County's support of the integration of NIMS, to the extent appropriate, into our emergency management system.

Craig E. Anthony

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County Fire Chief**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Jeff W. Hermanson

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: **District:** **Agenda Number:**

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Departmental Concurrence

RESOLUTION
FORM APPROVED
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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 051

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,**
5 **CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT**
6 **MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) INTO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY**
7 **MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

8 **WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the
9 Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management
10 System, which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and
11 tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for,
12 respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

13 **WHEREAS**, California pioneered the development of standardized incident management
14 systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods,
15 and landslide; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the early 1970s, the California fire service, in partnership with the federal
17 government, developed the seminal emergency Incident Command System that has become
18 the model for incident management nationwide; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency
20 Management System (SEMS) for use by every emergency response organization, and
21 implemented a system to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency
22 Management System; and

23 **WHEREAS**, California emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise
24 to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

25 **WHEREAS**, it is essential for responding to disasters that federal, state, local, and tribal
26 organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures,
27 interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform
28 personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising,
comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or
disasters; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets
2 the objectives of the National Incident Management System,

3 **WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended
4 adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide, and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency
7 Services and Office of Homeland Security in cooperation with the Standardized Emergency
8 Management System Advisory Board to develop a program to integrate the National Incident
9 Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the state's emergency management
10 system;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Riverside County will integrate the National
12 Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the emergency management
13 system; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Riverside County will utilize the National Incident
15 Management System which shall be consistent with the integration of the National Incident
16 Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System in California; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Governor's
18 Office of Emergency Services.
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