Executive Order 2005-08

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN ARIZONA

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive, the President of the United States directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) that 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 of any cause, size, or complexity; 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 desired levels of incident management, it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations use standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercises, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's opportunities for federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, federal guidelines for homeland security grant funding for federal fiscal year 2006 and beyond require NIMS compliance as a condition of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) shall be the State standard for incident management.

2. The Arizona Office of Homeland Security (AOHS) and the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) shall lead NIMS implementation throughout Arizona.

3. AOHS shall be charged with:

    a. Incorporating NIMS into existing statewide training programs and exercises;

b. Seeking federal preparedness funding sufficient to support NIMS implementation;
c. Incorporating NIMS into emergency operations plans;
d. Promoting intrastate mutual aid agreements;
e. Providing and coordinating technical assistance to local entities regarding NIMS to ensure statewide compliance;
f. Institutionalizing the use of NIMS; and
g. Leading the effort to achieve statewide NIMS compliance to ensure continued eligibility for federal homeland security grant funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE in Phoenix, Arizona this 29th day of March Two Thousand Five and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Twenty Ninth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE