

EXECUTIVE ORDER
RESOLUTION # 44-04-05

**DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)
AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-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;

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the County to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the County, including current emergency management training programs; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey Hale, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Texas, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of the County of Texas, do hereby establish the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS) as the County standard for incident management.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of
The County of Texas

This 22 day of November in the year Two Thousand and Four.

BY THE Board of Texas County Commissioners:



Marissa Hollingshead
County Clerk

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Chairman
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