

**RESOLUTION #2005-015****ADOPTION OF THE  
NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)  
AS THE BASIS FOR  
MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY INCIDENTS  
IN CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, 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, 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's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and county 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 Governor of Maryland, in Executive Order 01.01.2005.09 adopted NIMS as the Maryland State standard for incident management.

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*NOW, THEREFORE, We, the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, do hereby adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the County standard for emergency incident management.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following NIMS-related regulations setting forth name, purpose, intent, administration, general provisions, exercises, and grant distributions, are specifically adopted.*

A. Name, purpose and intent.

(1) Name. The regulations hereby adopted shall constitute and shall hereafter be known as the "Caroline County National Incident Management System Regulations" and may be cited and is hereinafter referred to as the "NIMS Regulations".

(2) Purpose and Intent. It is the intent of these Regulations to ensure the most efficient, consistent, and effective operations of Caroline County's public safety, public works, administration, elected officials, and other staff during an emergency incident. Caroline County has invested large sums of money on public safety equipment, personnel, and training, which is essential to the health, safety and welfare of all Caroline County residents by providing emergency management, 911, law enforcement, public works, emergency medical services, fire suppression, hazmat, emergency communications, public health, and other staff and departments in times of terrorist acts, manmade and natural emergencies, and natural disasters. All persons or entities providing services and operating during an emergency in Caroline County shall do so in a manner that is consistent with the National Incident Management System guidelines. These operating guidelines shall be consistent with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 and State of Maryland Executive Order 01.01.2005.09.

B. Administration

(1) Designated Agency The County Commissioners hereby designate the Caroline County Department of Emergency Management for the administration and enforcement of these Regulations.

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C. General Provisions

(1) Training The Caroline County Department of Emergency Management shall coordinate initial NIMS training of all county employees and elected officials.

(2) Exercises The Caroline County Department of Emergency shall coordinate exercises, drills; and other activities as necessary in cooperation with all County departments to maintain the NIMS training guidelines.

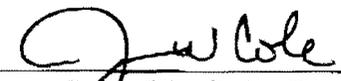
(3) Grant Distributions Caroline County shall not distribute eligible grant funding to those departments or municipalities whose personnel are not trained or are not operating under the NIMS guidelines as directed by HSPD-5 and its subsequent guidelines.

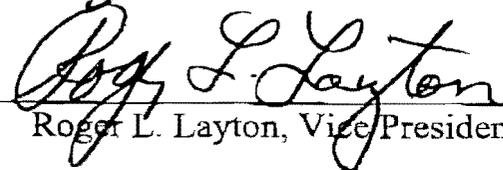
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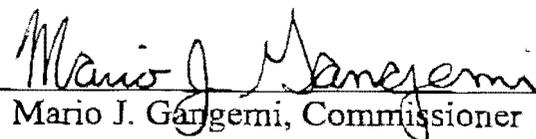
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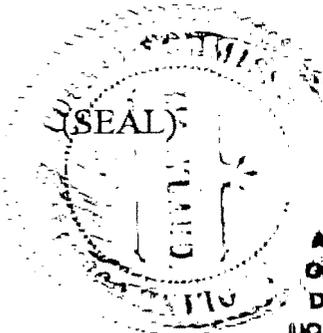
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