

# **Executive Order RP40 - February 23, 2005**

**Relating to the designation of the National Incident Management System as the incident management system for the State of Texas.**

**BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
February 23, 2005**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has issued Homeland Security Directive No. 5 that directs the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.), 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; and

**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 N.I.M.S.; 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the N.I.M.S. standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of N.I.M.S. are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, 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**, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas as the Chief Executive Officer, do hereby order the following:

The National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.) is hereby declared the State standard for incident management.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding Governor.

Given under my hand this the 23rd day of February, 2005.

**RICK PERRY**

Governor

ATTESTED BY:

**ROGER WILLIAMS**

Secretary of State