

## Crosswalk/Comparison of NIIMS/NIMS

The National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS), adopted by several federal, state, and local agencies in 1982, served as the basis for today's National Incident Management System (NIMS). Many similarities exist between the NIIMS and the NIMS; however, there are new, additional components of NIMS. NIIMS was designed to meet the challenges of wildland fire. The NIMS was designed to address the challenges of all hazards or terrorist events. In addition, there is increased emphasis on prevention and preparedness measures in NIMS. With the exception of the way the intelligence function is handled, the principles and concepts of NIMS ICS are the same as the NIIMS ICS. Under the NIMS ICS, the incident commander has flexibility in where to assign the intelligence and information function, e.g., command staff or operations. Following is an outline of the five components of the NIIMS and the six components of NIMS.

### NIIMS

- 1) Incident Command System
- 2) Training
- 3) Qualification and Certification
- 4) Publication Management
- 5) Supporting Technologies

### NIMS

- 1) Command and Management, including ICS
- 2) Preparedness
- 3) Resource Management
- 4) Communications and Information Management
- 5) Supporting Technologies
- 6) NIMS Management and Maintenance

Question: My community/state was compliant with the NIIMS. Does this mean that I'm compliant with NIMS?

Answer: No, compliance with NIIMS does not automatically mean that you are now compliant with the NIMS, because the NIMS includes additional features beyond what was in NIIMS. However, because the NIIMS ICS forms the basis for the NIMS Command and Management, you would be compliant with this aspect of the NIMS. For more information about NIMS compliance and the implementation requirements for FY 2005, please visit the NIMS Web page at [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims). The Web page includes the NIMS implementation guidance that was sent

to each governor, more information about NIMS ICS and NIMS training information. The NIMS Integration Center will add additional NIMS compliance guidance to the Web page as it is developed.