

**PURPOSE:** This policy establishes the guidelines for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to establish an Incident Command System (ICS) that is capable of being expanded to provide command and control for any size incident. The Township of Cumru by Resolution 623 on February 19, 2008 mandates that NIMS be utilized for all incident management within Cumru Township.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations has primary responsibility for administration of this policy within the scope of their job descriptions.

**PROCEDURE:**

- NIMS-ICS represents a core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes to enable effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management at all levels.
- The Incident Command System defines the structure of incident management throughout the lifecycle of an incident.
- ICS provides for the safety of operating personnel through command and control, designating a Safety Officer and providing a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), and by ensuring that safety procedures are in-place and followed primarily by maintaining the accountability of personnel.
- ICS can be employed to best use available resources in strategic and tactical deployments.
- ICS provides a platform for the implementation of a Command and General Staff consisting of the following functions:
  - Command
  - Operations
  - Planning
  - Logistics
  - Finance
- A possible sixth function would be Information and Intelligence Management.
  - This function would establish a process for gathering and disseminating incident related information and intelligence to other functions and to the public via a Public Information Officer (PIO).
- The NIMS-ICS is scalable. That is it can be used effectively at small incidents as well as large. And it can be expanded as needed to fit growing incidents.
- For complete NIMS-ICS terminology, refer to 15.02 Incident Management

**REFERENCES:**

SOG 15.02 Incident Management  
Resolution 623 by the Township of Cumru