



## Mission Viejo RACES – ARES HANDBOOK



### (NIMS) National Incident Management System FEMA Independent Study Programs

#### IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. You can also find information about NIMS at

<http://www.fema.gov/nims/>

This course introduces NIMS and takes approximately three hours to complete. It explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The course also contains "Planning Activity" screens giving you an opportunity to complete some planning tasks during this course. The planning activity screens are printable so that you can use them after you complete the course.

What will I be able to do when I finish this course?

- Describe the key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.
- Identify the benefits of using ICS as the national incident management model.
- Describe when it is appropriate to institute an Area Command.
- Describe when it is appropriate to institute a Multi-agency Coordination System.
- Describe the benefits of using a Joint Information System (JIS) for public information.
- Identify the ways in which NIMS affects preparedness.
- Describe how NIMS affects how resources are managed.
- Describe the advantages of common communication and information management systems.
- Explain how NIMS influences technology and technology systems.
- Describe the purpose of the NIMS Integration Center

**Here is a supplemental course that goes with the one above it's not required but, a good course to take is:**

#### IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100

Incident Command training is being developed and offered for a variety of disciplines, including Federal Disaster Workers, Public Works, Law Enforcement, and Public Health. All of the ICS training offered through these courses is consistent. However, the various versions include examples and exercises specific to each of these disciplines.

##### **Description**

ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The Emergency Management Institute developed ICS 100, Introduction to ICS (IS-100) course, in collaboration with:

- National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- USFA's National Fire Programs Branch

##### **Audience:**

Persons involved with emergency planning, response or recovery efforts.

##### **NIMS Compliance:**

This course is NIMS compliant and meets the NIMS Baseline Training requirements for I-100.



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