Panel Discussion: NIMS Compliance

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System Review and Revision Process

Update

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DHS NRP/NIMS Review Process

- NIMS Upgrade Project is being “folded” into the overall DHS NRP/NIMS Review Process
- FEMA’s NIMS Integration Center is the “executive agent” for both the NIMS and the NRP
- NRP/NIMS Task Force co-chaired by FEMA and DHS Preparedness Directorate (PREP)
- DHS will use a layered approach
  - Steering Committee
  - NRP/NIMS Task Force
  - Writing Team
  - Work Groups
- All levels of stakeholders will be asked to participate in the process and serve as members of the various groups
- All policy issues will be submitted to the HSC DRG for coordination and deconfliction
Background - NIMS

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 establishes the NIMS and NRP. NIMS:

- Established a core set of concepts, principles, and terminology for all responders regardless of size, scope, hazard, or location of incident
- Requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt NIMS and requires state and local NIMS compliance for Federal preparedness assistance
- Integrates best emergency management practices, procedures, and systems by emergency management professionals across the nation into a single national framework for incident response
- Establishes a framework by standardizing organizational systems – such as the incident command system, the multi-agency coordination system, and the public information system
Strategic Objectives

- Identify and prioritize issues for NIMS upgrade to ensure a sound understanding of all components by all stakeholders

- Incorporate lessons learned: The White House report, “The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned,” February 2006, stated a lack of NIMS understanding was a significant hindrance to implementation

- Ensure that the upgraded NIMS document is easily understood by all stakeholders and provide mechanisms or materials on NIMS concepts in a variety of formats

- Develop a comprehensive outreach strategy and training for the final product in concert with the revised NRP to ensure understanding by all incident managers nationwide

- Fully engage all levels of stakeholders in the review and implementation process of the NIMS upgrade
Phase 1: Efforts to Date

Fact Finding

- May 17-18, 2006 NIMS practitioner working group consisting of 25 state and local personnel provided recommendations for NIMS upgrades
- June 14-15, 2006 NIMS practitioner working group consisting of 45 Federal, state and local stakeholders reviewed recommendations for proposed upgrades
- July/August, 2006 Compiling of Initial Comments
- September/October, 2006 folded NIMS upgrade process into comprehensive NRP/NIMS review and revision process
Phase 1: Initial Recommendations

- Add clarification to the document to include additional text, examples, graphics, figures and “jump boxes” to highlight key concepts.
- Provide linkages in document to other Homeland Security initiatives to include expanded connections to HSPD-5 and HSPD-8.
- Address linking NIMS, NRP, and other federal response efforts in document.
- Increase emphasis on multi-agency coordination system and public information system.
- Increase emphasis on preparedness to include role of chief elected and appointed officials and mutual aid.
- Clarify command and management functions (ICS) and coordination and support functions (EOC & MACS) under NIMS.
Phase 2: Next Steps

- HSC DRG will provide strategic policy direction and overall guidance
- HSC DRG approval of initial recommendations prior to review by NRP/NIMS Task Force
- Release Draft Document for government wide review
- Engage with Writing Team on proposed recommendations for NIMS Upgrade
- All levels of stakeholders will be asked to participate in the review process for the NIMS Upgrade document
Proposed NIMS Upgrade Timeline

May 2006

Phase 1 – Draft NIMS Upgrade Document for Review

Oct 2006

Concept Brief to DRG

• DRG Review of NIMS Upgrade
• NRP Task Force Review of NIMS Upgrade

Oct-Nov 2006

Jan 2007

Develop 2nd Draft NIMS Upgrade

Feb 2007

2nd Comment Period NIMS Upgrade

Mar–Apr 2007

Approval Process

June 2007

Issue NIMS Upgrade and revised NRP

Jun–Sep 2007

Roll-Out and training NIMS Upgrade and revised NRP

Sep 2007 on

Implement continuous cycle of periodic review and revision

Sep 2007

Phase 2 – Rewrite & Product Completion

Phase 3 – Roll-Out & Promulgation

Phase 4 – Continuous Cycle of Training and Periodic Review

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QUESTIONS?
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