

April 22, 2005

Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Subject: *Introduction of Resolution Designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for all Incident Management in the City of Milwaukee as Required by the Executive Order (HSPD)-5 by the President of the United States.*

Dear Honorable Members:

Please accept for introduction at the meeting of May 3, 2005, the attached file designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in the City of Milwaukee. This action is required by Executive Order (HSPD)-5 issued by the President of the United States.

The goal of NIMS is to standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes. The NIMS system would connect all federal, state and local agencies, providing interaction in sharing necessary information in the event of a national emergency or attack.

Finally, adoption of the NIMS system is required for continued receipt of Federal grant appropriations, specifically Homeland Security grant awards.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Fire Captain Mark Owen (x5241) or I Business Finance Manager Sandra Rotar (x5281).

Respectfully submitted,

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