

# Executive Document

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## **Governor, Administration: Governor's Executive Order 2004-0012: Adopting the Use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Adopting the Use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

WHEREAS, natural and man-made disasters have and may occur in any part of the state;

WHEREAS, the majority of emergency incidents are mitigated by local responders;

WHEREAS, state agencies may be called upon to respond to and/or assist in recovery from the effects of emergency incidents and disasters;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah is committed to achieving a system that will provide a consistent statewide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic emergency and disaster incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 requires federal departments and agencies to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and as a condition for federal preparedness assistance, beginning in Fiscal Year 2005, state and local organizations are mandated by HSPD-5 to adopt NIMS as the model for incident management in times of disaster;

WHEREAS, in times of disaster, state, local and tribal agencies work closely with federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template for all agencies to work together to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from all hazards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Olene S. Walker, governor of the state of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and constitution of the state of Utah, hereby order as follows:

1. All executive branch agencies which may be required to participate in the management of emergency incidents and disasters shall follow the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the model for preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergency incidents and disasters.

2. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services, shall be the lead agency for determining overall state compliance with the requirements of NIMS and oversee the planning, training and implementation of NIMS within the state.

3. With assistance from the Division of Emergency Services, each state executive branch agency shall review its agency Emergency Operations Plan to ensure compliance with the requirements of NIMS.

4. All state executive branch agencies shall maintain an internal inventory of resources that may be needed in the event of an emergency or disaster and shall establish a process that provides for the expeditious identification and procurement of external resources needed in an emergency or disaster.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Utah. Done at the Capitol Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah this 22ndday of December, 2004.

OLENE S. WALKER  
Governor

(State Seal)

Attest:

GAYLE F. MCKEACHNIE  
Lieutenant Governor

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