



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 23

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Presidential Directive Number Five (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS"), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input from all federal, state, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all federal, state, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest level of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command Systems.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

The National Incident Management System is hereby established as the State standard for incident management.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2005.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE