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RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 2005-2

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Dear Prosecutors and Police Chiefs,

As part of a new National Preparedness vision, the federal government has created a National Incident Management System, which is commonly referred to as "the NIMS." The NIMS consists of a number of components that when fully implemented will provide a common system of emergency incident response and management that will be uniform nationwide. This means that first responders from New Jersey will be able to provide, for example, aid in disaster stricken areas such as Louisiana or Mississippi without learning a new system of incident or resource management. Within New Jersey, implementation of the NIMS will mean that police, fire, emergency medical, public works, public health, emergency management and other first responders will all operate under a uniform command and management system, increasing our capabilities and making our response system even more efficient.

The NIMS on-scene command component, commonly referred to as the Incident Command System (ICS), is based upon the National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident Command System. This same system has been used by New Jersey's emergency responders for years. Many local law enforcement agencies already have training and experience using ICS. Using NIMS/ICS also provides an excellent framework for planning and organizing non-emergency events, such as community fairs, parades, high school graduations, etc.

In order to assure national implementation of the NIMS, President Bush has directed that all federal departments and agencies require State and local entities to institutionalize NIMS as a prerequisite for receiving federal funding for preparedness assistance.



Institutionalization of NIMS means that NIMS is adopted and implemented for everyday use by first responders. So far, sixty federal grant programs have been identified as requiring NIMS as a prerequisite to award. These include the Department of Justice - COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program and the Department of Homeland Security - State Homeland Security and UASI Grant Programs.

On August 5, 2005, Governor Codey issued Executive Order 50 (E.O. 50) adopting NIMS statewide and requiring its use on all emergency incidents in New Jersey. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Governor Codey's Executive Order and ask that you share it with other first responders in your community.

The attached Directive requires you to provide the required training to law enforcement officers under your jurisdiction.

The ICS-100: Introduction to ICS course is available through the on-line New Jersey Homeland Security First Responder Training Center at <http://www.njlearn.com>. The ICS-200: Basic ICS will be available on-line as soon as details regarding its placement on the web are resolved. In addition, the ICS-200 course can be provided through the "train the trainer" program, as described below. The ICS-300: Intermediate ICS and the ICS-400: Advanced ICS courses both require classroom training.

By October 3, 2005, a NIMS specific web site (<http://nims.nj.gov>) will be stood-up to provide NIMS related training and information. I encourage you to utilize this website to find answers to common questions.

The New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management, working closely with your County Emergency Management Coordinators, has developed a program to provide the required training and the method for implementation and compliance monitoring of the required training for all first responders within your county or jurisdiction. You should work directly with your County OEM Coordinator on any NIMS-related training or issues. As part of that training program, the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, the State Forest Fire Service in the Department of Environmental Protection and the State Office of Emergency Management have partnered to make instructors available to deliver these courses or to provide "train the trainer" courses to enable your staff to deliver the training. You can take advantage of that training opportunity by, once again, working directly with your County OEM Coordinator.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation and/or compliance with this NIMS-related training, you may discuss them with Captain Jerome Hatfield, NJSP, New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management at (609) 882-2000 ext. 6051 or LPPHATFJ@gw.njsp.org.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Harvey", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter C. Harvey
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Attachment: Directive 2005-2

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