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LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)  
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I. PURPOSE:

While most emergency situations are handled locally, when there's a major incident help may be needed from other jurisdictions, the state and the federal government. NIMS was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together better to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management

II DEFINITION:

NIMS- NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

III POLICY:

All Laurens County Sheriff's Department Policies will use the NIMS structure to assure all duties are carried out according to the National Incident Management system guidelines.

This guidance will enable us to determine who will be in charge and assure us that someone will keep track of our Officers; where they are and what they are doing.

There will be a designated person to make sure we get the appropriate information to other agencies and their officers.

These guidelines will help us make sure there is an Officer to assist in obtaining any resources needed to complete the task; whether it is fuel, food, gas or additional help.

These guidelines will help us make sure that our Officers and Officers from other Agencies understand what is going on and who they must answer to.

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The NIMS concept will be implemented in our everyday activities and we will become a more efficient Department. This will ensure Officer's safety and the safety of all persons participating in calls.

All employees will be required to complete the NIMS training and test(s), per NIMS guidelines, for their position level. This will include Administrative, Jail, Traffic, Patrol, Courthouse and Drug Investigation personnel.

- A. NIMS compliance continues to be required to receive federal preparedness funds. "Taken as a whole" recognizes that not every community or individual responder will have completed all of the requirements. The "taken as a whole" standard means that most have and that good faith efforts are underway to achieve full compliance. Emergency management personnel typically may function from an emergency operations center or similar facility.
- B. NIMS Training Guidelines Audience:  
Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Non-governmental personnel to include: Entry level first responders & disaster workers \* Emergency Medical Service personnel \* Firefighters \* Hospital staff \* Law Enforcement personnel \* Public Health personnel \* Public Works/Utility personnel \* Skilled Support Personnel \* Other emergency management response, support, volunteer personnel at all levels.

#### IV FULL COMPLIANCE WITH NIMS

Beginning in FY 2007, which starts on Oct.1, 2006, all federal preparedness funding will be conditioned upon full compliance with the NIMS. By completing the FY05 activities as well as the FY06 activities, which are outlined in the State/Territories compliance matrix on the NIMS Home-page, states and territories will achieve what is considered to be full NIMS implementation by FY07. Local and tribal jurisdictions will achieve what is considered to be full NIMS implementation by completing the FY06 activities outlined in the Local/Tribal matrix, which also may be found on the NIMS Home-page at [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims).



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