

## **National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

As you may be aware, legislation was passed last year (O.C.G.A. 38-3-57) requiring all first response disciplines to respond under NIMS and the Incident Command System (ICS). You may also be aware that to qualify for Department of Homeland Security grant funding, law enforcement and other agencies will be required to demonstrate compliance to NIMS prior to September 30, 2006. The Office of Homeland Security-Georgia Emergency Management Agency has determined that compliance to NIMS is best demonstrated through the use of the National Integration Center's (NIC) NIMCAST on-line system <http://www.fema.gov/nimcast>

The Office of Homeland Security empanelled a NIMS Committee under the auspices of the Homeland Security Task Force, charged with recommending standards for NIMS compliance in Georgia. The recommendations of this committee were accepted and adopted as by the Director of Homeland Security, and are as follows:

1. All sworn officers must complete IS-700 NIMS and IS-800 NRP: An Introduction

For all new employees, recruits and first responders who have direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management, or response. The course is available on-line at [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)

After an officer has completed the course on-line, FEMA will mail a certificate. Unless otherwise stated on the FEMA certificate, POST will award 3 hours of training credit for the successful completion of each of these courses. You must notify POST of these hours. They will not be automatically recorded unless you signed a POST C-12 form.

2. All new sworn officers must complete ICS-100 NIMS: An Introduction

For all new employees, recruits and first responders. The course is available on-line at [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)

After an officer has completed the course on-line, FEMA will mail a certificate. Unless otherwise stated on the FEMA certificate, POST will award 3 hours of training credit for the successful completion of each of these courses. You must notify POST of these hours. They will not be automatically recorded unless you signed a POST C-12 form.

3. All first line supervisors must complete ICS-200 training.

This course is available on-line at [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)

After an officer has completed the course on-line, FEMA will mail a certificate. Unless otherwise stated on the FEMA certificate, POST will award 3 hours of training credit for the successful completion of each of these courses. You must notify POST of these hours. They will not be automatically recorded unless you signed a POST C-12 form.

4. Mid-level Managers will need to complete ICS 300 (Required to be completed by September 30, 2007.)

This training is not an on-line course, it is field delivered. This course is administered by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in partner with the Georgia Fire Academy. This course is taught in an integrated format with multiple disciplines. Potential students should register through GPSTC at [www.gpstc.georgia.gov](http://www.gpstc.georgia.gov)

You must notify POST of these hours. They will not be automatically recorded unless you signed a POST C-12 form.

5. Command staff will need to complete ICS 400 (Required to be completed by September 30, 2007.)

This training is not an on-line course, it is field delivered. This course is administered by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in partner with the Georgia Fire Academy. This course is taught in an integrated format with multiple disciplines. This class is not yet available, but once it is ready to be delivered, potential students will need to register through GPSTC at [www.gpstc.georgia.gov](http://www.gpstc.georgia.gov) You must notify POST and GACP of these hours. They will not be automatically recorded unless you signed a POST C-12 form.

It is important to note that NIMS compliance is one of 3 overarching national priorities outlined by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program. Compliance with NIMS is a requirement for these grants. A list of federal preparedness grant programs that are affected by this mandate can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/nims/>

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