NIMS Alert

NI MS COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

This NIMS Alert provides information for all NIMS Stakeholders on the FEMA Incident Management Systems Division’s (IMSD) recommended standards that support interoperability among communications and information management systems. Through evaluation and practitioner reviews conducted in 2007, IMSD identified and recommends that emergency management/response organizations and private sector vendors voluntarily adopt the following five standards:

- NFPA 1221: Standard for Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Emergency Services Communications Systems.
- OASIS Emergency Data Exchange Language (EDXL) Distribution Element v1.0.

These standards support a common operating picture, which requires the use of common interfaces among disparate communications and data management systems. These interfaces integrate information to facilitating decision making during an incident, and are established through the development and use of common communications plans, interoperable communications equipment, processes, standards, and architectures. In FY 2008, compliance activities are linked to the standardization of data and information management processes.


Additional information on NIMS Recommended Standards can be downloaded and/or accessed on the FEMA website at: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/standards