

NIMS Implementation

Tips of the Week



Institutionalizing ICS

Institutionalizing the use of Incident Command System (ICS) means that government officials, incident managers, and emergency response organizations at all jurisdictional levels must adopt the Incident Command System at both policy and organizational/operational levels.

Policy Level

Government officials, (i.e. governors, mayors, county and city managers, tribal leaders, and others) should:

- Adopt the ICS through executive order, proclamation, or legislation as the jurisdiction's official incident response system; and
- Direct that incident managers and response organizations in their jurisdictions train, exercise, and use the ICS in their response operations.

Organizational/Operational level

Incident managers and emergency response organizations should:

- Integrate ICS into functional and system-wide emergency operations policies, plans, and procedures;
- Train responders, supervisors, and command-level officers in ICS;
- Ensure that ICS-oriented exercises involve responders at all levels from multi-discipline agencies and jurisdictions.



Discipline-specific ICS courses

IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Schools is now available on the [EMI website](#). Other discipline-specific NIMS courses include the following:

- IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Federal Workers
- IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Law Enforcement Personnel
- IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Public Works Personnel
- IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Healthcare/Hospital Personnel
- IS-100 ICS-100 An Introduction to ICS for Schools

NOTE: IS-100 ICS-100 for Schools and ICS-100: An Introduction to ICS are compatible and recognized as such by DHS/FEMA. Appropriate personnel can fulfill the ICS-100 NIMS training requirement with either course.



Previous *Tips of the Week* include:

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- Unified Command
- NIMS National Credentialing

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- Certifying NIMS Compliant Training Courses
- Incident Action Planning

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- NIMSCAST Corrective Action Plan Reports
- NIMSCAST User and Account History Tracking and Reporting

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- ICS 400
- New NIMS e-mail