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# Executive Order

EXECUTIVE ORDER S-2-05
by the
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System, which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS; California local and state government pioneered the development of standardized incident management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods, and landslide; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the California fire service, in partnership with the federal government, developed the seminal emergency incident command system that has become the model for incident management nationwide; and

WHEREAS; in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System for use by every emergency response organization, and implemented a system involving local and state agencies to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency Management System; and

WHEREAS, California local and state emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for responding to disasters and securing the homeland that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System, and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of California, do hereby direct the following:

1. My Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security, in cooperation with Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board, will develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the state's emergency management system.
2. The Office of Emergency Services will identify any statutes or regulations that need to be eliminated or amended to facilitate implementation of the National Incident Management System.
3. The Office of Emergency Services will report on the status of the implementation of the National Incident Management System to my Emergency Council no later than June 1, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the eighth day of February 2005.

/s/ Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor of California

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