

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

A resolution adopting the Incident  
Command System portion of the  
National Interagency Incident  
Management System for  
development of emergency response  
plans and an Emergency  
Management and Operations Plan  
for the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-8

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is required by OAR 104 Division 10 to adopt an approved Emergency Management and Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon - OSHA) of the State of Oregon Department of Insurance and Finance has adopted rules governing Emergency Response and Hazardous Waste Operations which require local government to take certain actions; and

WHEREAS, the OSHA rules require that emergencies be responded to in a specified manner; and

WHEREAS, confusion may occur if response is not consistent for all emergencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to identify and use a standard response system and common terminology with other jurisdictions that may also respond; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government within the state realize they have responsibilities for emergency response.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLVES:

**Section 1:**

An Incident Command System (ICS) component of the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) is hereby adopted as a model Incident Command System to be integrated into all County emergency response plans and as a part of the Multnomah County's Emergency Management and Operations Plan.

**Section 2:**

As set forth in the NIIMS, the Incident Command System requires the

following components:

- A. Common terminology for organizational functions, resources, and facilities.
- B. A modular organization flexible enough to meet greatly varied needs in command, operations, planning, logistics, and finance.
- C. Integrated communications using special equipment and/or shared frequencies. Includes adoption of plain English ("clear text") phrases in place of codes and signals.
- D. A predetermined method of developing a unified command to deal with multiagency and/or multijurisdictional situations.
- E. A method of developing consolidated action plans to establish incident priorities satisfactory to all agencies.
- F. Accepted span of control procedures to provide for adequate supervision while avoiding a top heavy organization.
- G. Standardized methods of organizing and committing resources to an incident to simplify management and staff support, and provide for more efficient use of the resource itself.

Adopted this 31st day of January, 1990.



Multnomah County

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