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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager 

**FROM:** Dennis Groat, Fire Chief 

**DATE:** September 5, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Training On The National Incident Management System (NIMS) For The Mayor, City Council, and Department Heads

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council adjourn its regular meeting of September 5, 2006, to a training session on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that will be presented in the new Community Meeting Room of the Police and Fire Facility.

### FISCAL IMPLICATION:

NIMS training is required by the Federal government in order for our City to continue to be eligible to receive Federal funding for emergency preparedness and response.

### DISCUSSION:

In March 2004, the Secretary of Homeland Security, at the request of the President of the United States, released the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a comprehensive system for managing emergencies that improves response operations through the application of standardized procedures and preparedness measures. It also promotes the development of cross-jurisdictional mechanisms for coordinating joint responses and obtaining outside assistance in a large-scale or complex emergency incident. All federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel with a direct role in emergency management and response must be NIMS and ICS trained. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel, and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel. Compliance with NIMS requirements is necessary in order for us to continue our eligibility to receive Federal funding for emergency preparedness and response.

Requirements for the year 2005 focused on issues at the State level. For the year 2006, local governments must meet the mandated NIMS training requirements, and must implement NIMS into their emergency management plans and system. For the Mayor and City Council, this training will consist of "An Introduction To NIMS" (FEMA Class IS-700), and an "Introduction To ICS" (Incident Command System, Class ICS-100).

The training that the Mayor and City Council will receive tonight will satisfy all current NIMS requirements and recommendations for your positions. In addition, it will provide you with a detailed understanding of our City's emergency management system, and will provide you with the tools you would need in your role as a City official during a large-scale or critical emergency event in our community. After the Mayor and City Council have completed this training program, Staff will be bringing you a resolution that will adopt NIMS and formally incorporate it into our emergency management system.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe this training program.