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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 19, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into the City's Emergency Management System

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council adopt Resolution Number 6058 to formally implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into our City's Emergency management System.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

The adoption of this resolution is necessary in order for the City to maintain its ability to receive Federal funding for emergency preparedness and response.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Mayor and City Council recently completed their orientation training on the NIMS system. In conjunction with this training, the City must adopt a resolution implementing NIMS into our emergency management system to maintain our eligibility for Federal funding of emergency preparedness and response items. The adoption of this resolution will thus help to maintain our City's ability to be eligible for emergency management funding from the Federal Government.

Attachment: Resolution No. 6058

RESOLUTION NO. 6058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS), AND IMPLEMENTING IT INTO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the President of the United States 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 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 (SEMS) for use by every emergency response organization; and

WHEREAS, California 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 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, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security in cooperation with the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the State's emergency management system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA THAT:

SECTION 1. The City adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and to the extent appropriate, implements it into the City's emergency management system.

SECTION 2. The National Incident Management System used by the City shall be consistent with the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System in California.

SECTION 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the original records of the City.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

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Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

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Acting City Clerk