



Standard Guide for Resource Management in Emergency Management and Homeland Security¹

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INTRODUCTION

This guide offers a compilation of information intended to increase awareness and offer guidance in the area of resource management. While not binding on any sector, this guide presents ideas on and concepts for what should be included as part of a resource management program. It is a blend of best practices for resource management and is intended to complement existing plans, policies, and procedures; some terminology may differ to convey the meaning to a broad audience. This guide is a product of an interagency task group formed to address the need for consistency in resource management processes nationwide and to assist the U.S. emergency management and homeland security community in conforming to the basic concepts, principles, and policies of the National Incident Management System 2008 (NIMS).² This guide was established using the following foundational documents: the National Response Framework (NRF),³ NFPA 1600⁴ and NFPA 1561,⁵ NIMS, and the EMAP (Emergency Management Standard by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program).⁶

1. Scope

1.1 This guide provides a standard frame of reference for managing resources in conjunction with an incident.

1.2 This guide addresses fundamental terms, references, definitions, and a process model for implementation of resource management plans, policies, and procedures in an incident.

1.3 This guide complements the concepts and principles of NIMS developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

1.4 This guide is intended to complement and support the resource sharing goals and objectives of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).⁷

1.5 This guide may be used in conjunction with the NFPA 1600 Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Busi-

ness Continuity Programs and NFPA 1561 Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System.

1.6 This guide may be used by any and all entities having a role in the preparation for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation and prevention of an incident.

1.7 This guide is not intended to address all facets of resource management in the private sector, nor is it intended to provide comprehensive guidance for categorization and typing of all resources that might be used during an incident.

1.8 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *The following is a list of fundamental references to understand this guide:*

DHS, NIMS Document, December 22, 2008

DHS, NIMS Guide NG 0001 National Resource Typing Criteria, 2007⁸

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² For access to this document, go to www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/.

³ For access to this document, go to www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/.

⁴ For access to this document, go to www.nfpa.org/assets/files/pdf/nfpa1600.pdf.

⁵ For access to this document, go to www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/CodesStandards/TIAErrataFI/TIA1561-02-1.pdf.

⁶ For access to this document, go to www.emaponline.org/.

⁷ For information on EMAC, go to <http://www.emacweb.org/>.

⁸ For access to this document, go to http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/ng_0001.pdf.