

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a consistent, nationwide system to enable federal, state, tribal, and local governments, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location or complexity; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that federal, state, local, and tribal agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that federal, state, tribal, and local governments and organizations use standardized terminology and 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 NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources has improved, and will continue to improve, the State of Connecticut's ability to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS concepts have improved, and will continue to improve, the State of Connecticut's ability to provide a coordinated and integrated program of emergency management and homeland security through local, regional and state-wide collaborative planning, training, exercise, response, recovery, prevention and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System (ICS) components of NIMS are presently, and must continue to be, an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of the NIMS and an integrated ICS by the State of Connecticut is vital to ensuring continued access to federal funds from a variety of sources, which funds are used to further increase the preparedness of Connecticut to respond to incidents that threaten the health, welfare, safety and security of the residents of Connecticut;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Connecticut, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT** that:

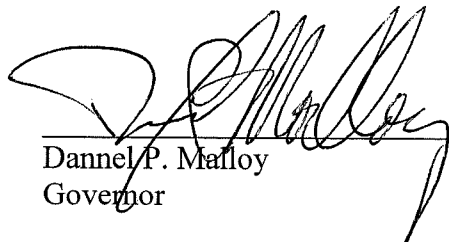
1. Executive Order No. 10 of Governor M. Jodi Rell concerning the NIMS program is hereby rescinded in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof;
2. NIMS, as promulgated and, from time to time, revised by the United States Department of Homeland Security, shall continue to be established and recognized as the standard system within the State of Connecticut for the management of domestic incidents that affect the health, welfare, safety and security of the residents of Connecticut;
3. The Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection ("DESPP") and the Deputy Commissioner of DESPP for the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security ("DEMHS") shall take such action as they shall deem advisable to establish and support training programs, policies,

procedures, and protocols to implement and maintain the NIMS and integrated ICS components within all appropriate emergency operations and all other plans for the State of Connecticut, so as to ensure effective and efficient levels of incident management;

4. All other Commissioners and Department Heads shall work with DESPP/DEMHS to ensure that: all appropriate agency emergency activities and other plans follow the NIMS components; all agency staff and contractors with roles in emergency preparedness, planning, response, or recovery are trained in the appropriate NIMS and ICS components, including active participation in planning, training and exercises; and
5. For purposes of funding the activities of DESPP/DEMHS in carrying out the purposes of this Executive Order, the DESPP/DEMHS, as necessary or permitted in accordance with applicable law and to the extent available may: (1) apply for grants from governmental or other sources; (2) accept and expend such grants on behalf of itself, municipalities, or such other state agencies as is advisable; and (3) operate within the existing appropriations of the agency.


This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 12th Day of June 2013.



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

By His Excellency's Order



Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

