



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006- 007

SUBJECT: Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in the State/ Commonwealth

AUTHORITY: Homeland Security Presidential Directive/ HSPD-5

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), 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 domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive **NMIS**;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management.

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical 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;

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