NIMS: Incident Command System Field Guide
1st edition

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The new NIMS: Incident Command System Field Guide™ provides instant access to critical key points of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that can help you make decisions fast.

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Tigard, Oregon – Multiple incidents. Multiple agencies. And multiple emergency management plans. The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and the destructive power of Hurricane Katrina, two large-scale emergencies, have left a permanent mark on the United States.

The necessity for a cohesive, national emergency response system led the Department of Homeland Security to issue the comprehensive National Incident Management System (NIMS) and to incorporate the Incident Command System (ICS), which requires first responder compliance at all jurisdictional levels, into the NIMS.

The NIMS: Incident Command System Field Guide™ from Informed Publishing was produced to help emergency responders get the tools they need for effective incident command (IC) – and to support NIMS compliance.

The latest publication from Informed, NIMS: Incident Command System Field Guide™ is the first NIMS pocket guide on the market and follows the successful Homeland Security Field Guide™, which was released by Informed in 2005.

“Most of the NIMS/ICS information out there is very conceptual, with little detail,” says Jan Johnston-Tyler, Informed director of content architecture and systems. “This guide provides the tools needed for practical application, but it’s also conceptual enough to apply to different types of emergency situations.”

That’s important when it comes to not only being compliant in NIMS practices, but in consistently and effectively responding to whatever may occur, be it a natural or human-created disaster.

“The guide keeps in mind that no two implementations of these protocols will be the same. Look at Katrina and 9/11,” Johnston-Tyler says. “They were two completely different emergencies and
required completely different types of response. But they also required the same backbone of response.”

“With this guide, we’re dealing with hospitals, fire departments, police departments, emergency services... It really goes to the heart of all the different organizations we work with,” says Informed CEO Chris Barnes. “Anybody already using our products will be able to pick up the new NIMS guide and quickly find what they need. All of our guides are structured the same way. They’re easy to navigate, with readily accessible information.”

Like other Informed field guides, the NIMS guide includes color-coded tabs, logically organized information, and durable materials. The all-hazards, non-jurisdiction, and non-discipline-specific guide also provides responsibilities and checklists for applying the ICS; a NIMS overview; a glossary; acronym reference; sample organizational charts, schedules, and meeting agendas; position-specific prompts for command and operations; and Incident Action Plan (IAP) and ICS forms and templates. This handy guide can be used for NIMS and ICS training, during training and functional exercises, and on incident responses.

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