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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Helen Ahrens-Byington, Deputy Chief
Date: June 30, 2006
Subject: NIMS Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Kirkland Council adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by resolution.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

In March 2004, the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), at the request of the President, released the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a comprehensive system that improves local response operations through the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the application of standardized procedures and preparedness measures. It creates a consistent national approach to all-hazard incident management at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines.

Jurisdictions are required to meet the Federal FY 2006 (September 30, 2006) NIMS implementation requirements as a condition of receiving federal preparedness funding assistance in FY 2007. One of those requirements is the formal adoption of NIMS.

FY 2006 Compliance Activities:

- **Formally recognizing the NIMS and adopting the NIMS principles and policies**
States, territories, tribes, and local entities should establish legislation, executive orders, resolutions, or ordinances to formally adopt the NIMS.

In order to further our efforts in emergency preparedness and to manage disasters in a way which is consistent with local, state, and federal emergency methods, it is staff's recommendation to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Through adoption we will position the City to be eligible for emergency preparedness grants; which would allow us to be better prepared as a community.

RESOLUTION R-4585

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, response to and recovery from major emergencies and disasters requires integrated professional management and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to standardize and enhance incident management procedures nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System provides a structure and process to effectively coordinate responders from multiple disciplines and levels of government and to integrate them with resources from the private sector and non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, use of the National Incident Management System, which has as a key component the Incident Command System (ICS), will improve the City of Kirkland's ability to manage major emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, failure to adopt and use the National Incident Management System may preclude the City of Kirkland from receiving federal preparedness grants or reimbursement for costs expended during major emergency and disaster response and recovery operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby adopts the National Incident Management System as the foundation for incident command, coordination and support activities.

Section 2. It shall further be the policy of the City of Kirkland to provide appropriate training on the National Incident Management System and its core components to personnel responsible for managing and/or support major emergency and disaster operations.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2006.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk