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Weekly Fire Drill

NIMS Terminology

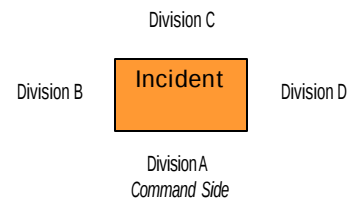
Discussion

Departments across the country are in the process of adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into their daily operations. For some departments, only minor changes in terminology are affected while other departments will have to adapt to numerous operational changes at mutual aid and large scale incidents. Basically speaking, emergency scene operations will not change that significantly, rather the terminology used to define and organize companies and work operations will be different. The tasks will remain the same. NIMS will be utilized at all multi-agency responses, multi-discipline incidents or larger regional incidents. A standard box alarm response will also require the use of NIMS terms and practices. Review department and Division policies regarding incident management. *Review your local, state and federal policies and training resources during this session.*

Division 4
Division 3
Division 2
Division 1
Sub-Division 1
4 Story building with basement

Command Staff Positions
Incident Command (IC)
Incident Safety Officer (ISO)
Public Information Officer (PIO)
Liaison Officer

General Staff Positions
Operations
Planning
Logistics
Finance/Administration
*Safety Section Officer Oversight of Safety Functions (Optional)



Branches Operational Assignment
Fire
EMS
Law Enforcement
Rescue
HazMat / Special Ops

Divisions Geographic Location
Division 1 (1st floor)
Division C (Rear of incident)

Groups Functional Assignment
Interior Group
Ventilation Group
Water Supply Group

Resources Companies
Single Resource Engine, Truck, Squad
Task Force Combination of Resources (2 Eng, 2 Trk, 2 Sqd, 1 Chf)
Strike Team Combination of Like Resources (4 trucks)

What's Different?

ICS	NIMS
Sectors	Division or Group
Operations dealt with one operational assignment	Now oversees multiple assignment areas
Few fireground channel assignments	May put branches on different channels

NIMS Principles

Most incidents are managed locally and full implementation of NIMS will not be necessary. Implement at all incidents by all agencies.

NIMS Principles

Use the components of NIMS as they are necessary for management of the incident. Single IC is responsible for overall incident.