

# Scalar Large Animal Emergency Evacuation

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BLM providing animal evacuation during 2007  
southern California Fires

## Introduction to NIMS & ICS

# What is NIMS?

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## □ National Incident Management System

- A comprehensive, national approach to incident management.
  - Applicable across jurisdictional levels & functional disciplines
  - Improves coordination & cooperation between public & private entities
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# Why do I need to know about NIMS?

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- All State & local organizations are required to adopt and employ NIMS as a condition for Federal preparedness assistance grants, contracts and other activities.
  - We work with and at the direction of these local and State authorities.
    - We must therefore be conversant with these protocols and structures
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# Why do we need a National Incident System?

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- Events of September 11 have underscored the need for and importance of national standards for incident operations, communications, personnel qualifications, resource management, information management and supporting technology.
  - To provide for domestic incident response allowing **interoperability & compatibility among all responders.**
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# NIMS Components

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- Comprised of several components working together as a system to provide a national framework for preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from domestic incidents.
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# The components are

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- ❑ Command & Management
  - ❑ Preparedness
  - ❑ Resource Management
  - ❑ Communications & Information Management
  - ❑ Supporting Technologies
  - ❑ Ongoing Management and Maintenance
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- Management Structures are based on 3 key organizational systems:
    - ICS (Incident Command System)
    - Multiagency Coordination System
    - Public Information System
  - We need to be aware of the above and how the organizational systems interface and blend with our functions.
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# Use of Position Titles

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<b>Organizational Level</b>	<b>Title</b>
Incident Command	Incident Commander
Command Staff	Officer
General Staff (Section)	Chief
Branch	Director
Division/Group	Supervisor
Unit	Leader
Strike Team/Task Force	Leader

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# Where do we fit in?

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- We are considered a “resource”. We are therefore considered a “task force” or “strike team”
    - Within our own group, we have “resources”, including volunteers, equipment, communications skills
  - Regardless of the incident, we will be at the bottom of the chain of command.
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# Why do I need this training?

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- ❑ Where we fit in during an event
  - ❑ A good handle on the grand scheme of
  - ❑ As with any job, we must be familiar with the verbiage, chain of command
  - ❑ We are expected to adhere to certain protocols.
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# How long does this take?

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