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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 08-20

CITY OF BETHEL ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, In Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 issued February 28, 2003, the President of the United States directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a single, comprehensive national incident management system;

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security published the National Incident Management System (NIMS);

WHEREAS, according to the Five-Year NIMS Training Plan published by the National Integration Center, "NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life, property, and harm to the environment;"

WHEREAS, the NIMS incorporates the best practices currently in use by incident managers at all levels and represents a core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes to enable effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management at all levels;

WHEREAS, per HSPD-5, adoption of the NIMS by State and local organizations is a condition for Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts, or other activities;

WHEREAS, although the City Police and Fire Departments have been actively involved in NIMS implementation over the years, this resolution signifies the formal adoption of NIMS by the City of Bethel at the community level and carries with it the responsibility of the City to be NIMS-compliant and to maintain its NIMS-compliance;

WHEREAS, as an applicant to the FY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program, the City of Bethel completed the National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) online and submit its results to the Incident Management Systems Integration Division of the National Integration Center;

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WHEREAS, the City will promote and encourage NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, non-governmental organizations, volunteer agencies, and private sector incident management and response organizations;

WHEREAS, emergency incidents and preplanned events will be managed according to Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structures, doctrine, and procedures, and include Incident Action Planning and Common Communications Plans, as defined in NIMS;

WHEREAS, emergency incident and event management will be coordinated through the development and use of integrated multi-agency coordination systems;

WHEREAS, processes, procedures, and/or plans will be implemented to communicate timely, accurate information to the public during an incident through a Joint information System and Joint Information Center;

WHEREAS, a system will be developed and implemented to coordinate federal preparedness funding to implement the NIMS across the community;

WHEREAS, plans and standard operating principles will be revised and updated to incorporate NIMS components, principles, and policies, including planning, training, response, exercises, equipment, evaluation, and corrective actions;

WHEREAS, the City will participate in and promote intrastate and interagency mutual aid agreements, including agreements with the private sector and non-governmental organizations;

WHEREAS, appropriate first responders, first-line response supervisors, command staff, and others will complete specified NIMS training courses as stated in the NIMS Five-Year Training Plan;

WHEREAS, NIMS and ICS elements will be incorporated into tribal, local, and regional training and exercises;

WHEREAS, the City will participate in an all-hazard exercise program based on NIMS that involves responders from multiple disciplines and multiple jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, preparedness and response plans and procedures will incorporate corrective actions revealed in exercises;

WHEREAS, community response assets will be inventoried to conform to homeland security resource typing standards;

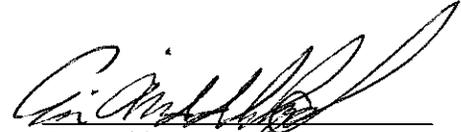
WHEREAS, local and tribal acquisition programs will incorporate relevant national standards and guidance to achieve equipment, communication, and data interoperability;

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WHEREAS, the City will apply standardized and consistent terminology, including the establishment of Plain English communications across the public safety sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel hereby adopts and agrees to implement the National Incident Management System in the community and complete planning, training, and other preparedness activities as required to be NIMS-compliant;

ENACTED THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2008 BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.


Eric Middlebrook., Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk