

**Town of Gardner**  
**Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2009**

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
(NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE TOWN OF  
GARDNER

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland security directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, The collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the Town's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities through out the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command system; and

WHEREAS, the merits of NIMS aside, it may fairly be cited as an example of cost shifting or an unfunded mandate. In these fiscally tight times consideration need be

given to the burden placed on the Town taxpayer of recognizing NIMS and adopting NIMS principles and policies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Gardner intends to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management within the limits of available state and federal funds and of Town funds required to be appropriated to match such funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Gardner's recognition of NIMS and adoption of NIMS principles and policies is expressly conditioned upon the ongoing availability of state and federal funds, and of town funds required to be appropriated to match such funds, for this purpose.

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Paul DeWitt, Chairman

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Robert Braunel, Supervisor#1

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Gary Schaeffer, Supervisor#2

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R.Mark Stevenson, Supervisor#3

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Glenn Dart, Supervisor#4

Attest:

I certify that the above resolution was adopted on the 15 day of September, 2009.

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Amy Sacotte, Clerk