What is NIMS?
Following the terrorist attacks in 2011, the President issued Homeland Security Directive 5 directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS).
The template for our emergency management is based on...

**NIMS**
- National Incident Management System

**SEMS**
- Standardized Emergency Management System
NIMS was developed so that first responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together when responding to natural disasters or incidents of terrorism.
NIMS provides a consistent, unified approach to prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.
Hierarchy of Emergency Management

- Federal
- State OES
- State OES Region
- Operational Area
- Local Government
- Field Level

- Southern Region Headquarters @ JFTB
- County of Orange
- City of Los Alamitos
NIMS is based on three key organizational systems:

- **Incident Command System (ICS)**
- **Multiagency Coordination System**
- **Public Information System**
Multiagency Coordination Systems are the framework NIMS uses to facilitate resource allocation, incident related information and logistics support.

An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is an example of a Multiagency Coordination System.

Direct tactical and operational responsibility for the incident rests with Incident Command.
The Emergency Operations Center supports Incident Command
THE FIVE NIMS/SEMS FUNCTIONS....

◆ COMMAND / MANAGEMENT
◆ OPERATIONS – “Doers”
◆ PLANNING – “Thinkers”
◆ LOGISTICS – “Getters”
◆ FINANCE – “Payers”
Incident Command System (ICS) is used for Incident Management

• **Single Command** is used when one agency responds within its jurisdiction; i.e., a warehouse fire.

• **Unified Command** is used when there is more than one agency or discipline responding to an incident within a jurisdiction; i.e., a fire that involves a crime such as the homicide on Farquhar.

• **Area Command** is used when there are large or multiple incidents crossing jurisdictional lines; i.e., a public health emergency.

• An Area Command might become a **Unified Area Command** if the incident involves multiple agencies/disciplines and/or multiple jurisdictions.
A **Public Information Officer** is used to ensure the public receives accurate, coordinated, timely and easy to understand information. The information is coordinated through a **Joint Information Center (JIC)**.

In other words, we make sure everyone is saying the same thing and the right thing!
NIMS uses common terminology (plain talk) to reduce confusion between a person’s position on an incident and his/her day-to-day position.
Thank you for participating in our disaster preparation efforts!