NIMS *Alert*

NIMS Integration Center Releases a NIMS *Guide* on National Resource Typing Criteria

FEMA's NIMS Integration Center has released a NIMS *Guide* detailing National Resource Typing criteria. A NIMS *Guide* is a new document and should be regarded as guidance, dealing specifically with the way NIMS is defined or interpreted within a certain discipline.

The purpose of this NIMS *Guide* is to communicate the criteria that were used to define and identify the current typed 120 NIMS national resource requirements typing definitions requirements. In addition, the same criteria will serve as the basis for future national resource typing definitions requirements. This NIMS alert augments the DHS-FEMA NIMS #501, Chapter 4, Resource Management - dated March 24, 2006. The NIMS Integration Center recognizes that the NIMS is a evolving process, especially as new capabilities are identified to enhance the nation's ability to manage all-hazard incidents (i.e. including Incidents of National Significance and National Special Security Events).

This NIMS *Guide* distinguishes between Tier One and Tier Two resources and how these resources are important for mutual aid and inventorying compliance. The *Guide* also provides a process for recommending change to the Tier One Typed Resources.

The NIMS *Guide*: National Resource Typing Criteria (*NG* 0001) is located online at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/guide.shtm.