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FEMA Releases the *National Incident Management System (NIMS) Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide*

The *NIMS Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide* provides guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence/Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the NIMS doctrine. The document includes information and tools intended for the Incident Command System practitioner that will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement and implementation of the Intelligence/Investigations Function within the command structure. This document can be used by jurisdictions and agencies for planned events, incidents, and the development of emergency planning efforts. This guidance does not replace emergency operations plans, laws, regulations, or ordinances.

The *NIMS Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide* has involved stakeholder input from 34 agencies across multiple communities of practice to include the three fields most affected by the implementation of the function: law enforcement, medical, and the fire service. The Intelligence/Investigations Function has aspects that cross disciplines, including traditional law enforcement, epidemiological investigations, regulatory investigations, and medical examiner/coroner investigations, as well as those conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board or other investigatory agencies.

The *NIMS Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide* can be found at the following website: <http://www.fema.gov/related-guides-annexes-and-documents>.

This guidance aligns with the NIMS to provide a common and standard understanding about the tools and resources needed to sustain, build, and deliver the core capabilities necessary to achieve a secure and resilient nation. For more information on the NIMS and its implementation, visit FEMA's [NIMS website](#).

Questions can be submitted to the National Integration Center through e-mail at: FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov or by telephone: (202) 646-3850.

This effort is part of the National Preparedness System, a process that organizes the tools and resources needed to promote unity of effort and achieve the National Preparedness Goal. For more information on national preparedness efforts, visit FEMA's [National Preparedness website](#).