EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 61

April 11, 2005

CITYWIDE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 ("HSPD 5"), issued February 28, 2003, directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (the "Secretary") to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS") to provide a "consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity"; and

WHEREAS, HSPD 5 directs the Secretary to develop and administer a National Response Plan ("NRP") "to integrate Federal Government domestic prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery plans into one all-discipline, all-hazards plan"; and

WHEREAS, HSPD 5 provides that Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of NIMS a requirement, to the extent permitted by law, for providing Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts, or other activities, and that the Secretary shall develop standards and guidelines for determining whether a State or local entity has adopted NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore essential that the City of New York adopt a standardized incident management system that complies with federal incident management requirements; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a standardized incident management system will ensure a coordinated response among City agencies and enhance the City's ability to respond to and recover from emergencies or incidents and to manage events; and

WHEREAS, New York City Charter § 497(c) and (d) authorize the New York City Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and implement training programs for public safety and health and prepare plans for responding to emergency conditions and potential incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. The Citywide Incident Management System ("CIMS"), which has been developed by the Office of Emergency Management ("OEM"), consistent with NIMS, shall be the City's protocol for responding to and recovering from emergencies or incidents and managing events.

§ 2. The Commissioner of Emergency Management shall be responsible for issuing and implementing a written CIMS Protocol and for updating and maintaining the CIMS Protocol to ensure that CIMS is consistent with NIMS and the NRP, complies with current federal incident management requirements, is adaptable to technological enhancements and trends in incident management and incorporates lessons learned and corrective actions identified in after-action reviews of incidents and events.

§ 3. OEM, in coordination with other agencies, shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a CIMS training curriculum to be utilized by all City agencies. The CIMS training curriculum shall meet current NIMS training requirements.

§ 4. All City agencies shall comply with the standards and requirements of CIMS as set forth in the CIMS Protocol.

§ 5. This order shall take effect immediately.

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Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor