

**EDWARD FITZGERALD**  
Cuyahoga County Executive

## **Executive Order No. O2011-001**

### **Using the National Incident Management System for Preparing and Responding to Disaster Incidents**

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive / HSPD-5, dated February 28, 2003, established the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security created NIMS to provide a national approach to incident management, applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines; and,

WHEREAS, NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the Nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to domestic incident management; and,

WHEREAS, NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work together to prepare for and respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size, or complexity; and,

WHEREAS, NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility among Federal, State, and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology, and technologies covering the incident command system, unified command, training, management of resources and reporting; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has met some of the compliance requirement through its previous adoptions of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Operations Plan, which mirrors the NIMS core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes based on the foundation of the Incident Command System; and,

WHEREAS, beginning October 1, 2004, all Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of NIMS a requirement, to the extent provided by law, providing Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts, or other activities to local governments; and,

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2005, the Cuyahoga County, in Resolution 053703, adopted the NIMS principles and policies for use in Cuyahoga County; and,

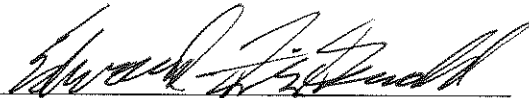
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cuyahoga County and the safety of its citizens for the County to continue using the NIMS principles and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward FitzGerald, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Charter of Cuyahoga County and the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby order and direct that:

Section 1. Cuyahoga County shall use the National Incident Management System for preparing and responding to disaster incidents pursuant to the Homeland Security Presidential Directive of February 28, 2003.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall continue in force until rescinded by me or any of my successors.

I signed this Executive Order on September 8, 2011, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

  
Edward FitzGerald, County Executive