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1 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE
2 NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
3 AS THE CITY STANDARD FOR INCIDENT
4 MANAGEMENT

5 WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-
6 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to
7 develop and administer a National Incident Management System
8 (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for
9 Federal, State, and local governments to work together more
10 effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and
11 recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or
12 complexity;

13 WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal,
14 State, and local homeland security partners has been, and will
15 continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation
16 and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS;

17 WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal,
18 State, and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their
19 efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels
20 of incident management;

21 WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective
22 incident management it is critical that Federal, State, and local
23 organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized
24 organizational structures, interoperable communications,
25 consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform
26 personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning,
27 training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and
28 designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

29 WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing
30 personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve
31 the city's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local
32 agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline
33 incident management processes,

34 WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are
35 already an integral part of various city incident management
36 activities, including current emergency management training
37 programs; and

38 WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11
39 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command
40 System.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of
42 the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia:

43 That the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is
44 established as the City standard for incident management.

45 Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach,
46 Virginia, on the 13th day of September, 2005.