

ORDINANCE 2005-67

**ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INTO CITY OF MASON EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, on February 29, 2003, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop, submit for review to the Homeland Security Council, and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

WHEREAS, NIMS will provide a consistent nationwide approach allowing federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has sought extensive input on NIMS from state, local and tribal officials, the emergency response community, and the private sector and has incorporated the best practices currently in use by incident managers; and

WHEREAS, effective homeland security incident management involves new concepts, processes, and protocols that will require refinement over time. The collective input and guidance from all homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the further development of an effective and comprehensive national incident management system; and

WHEREAS, NIMS was published by the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, HSPD-5 and NIMS require all federal departments and agencies to adopt NIMS and use it in domestic incident management and emergency prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and activities, as well as to assist state, local, or tribal entities, and

WHEREAS, HSPD-5 and NIMS require federal departments and agencies to require state, tribal and local organizations adopt NIMS as a condition for federal preparedness assistance beginning in federal FY 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:


SECTION 1: That the City of Mason shall implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security.

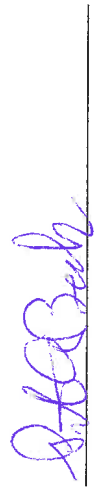
SECTION 2: That the City of Mason shall train emergency response staff on the NIMS and shall continually update the City of Mason's Integrated Emergency Management Plan.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005.

Attest:

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor