



TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

Resolution To Designate The National Incident Management System (NIMS) As The Basis For All Incident Management in Waitsfield

- WHEREAS, Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5 directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and
- WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the ongoing development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and
- WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and
- WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the Town's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and
- WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout this town, including current emergency management training programs; and
- WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;
- WHEREAS, the Governor of Vermont Executive Order #03-05 so proclaims the usage of National Incident Management System within the state of Vermont;

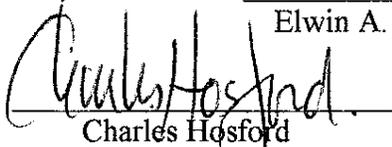
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Selectboard of the Town of Waitsfield, by virtue of the power vested in us by the voters of the town of Waitsfield, do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as this town standard for incident management.

Adopted and signed this 26th day of November, 2007.

Waitsfield Selectboard:



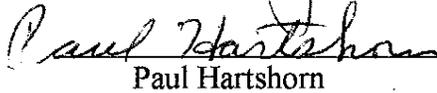
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