

POLICY: NATIONAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (NIMS)

Hadley Township Fire Department
Policy #116

I. POLICY

The Hadley Township Fire Department will utilize the National Incident Command System (NIMS) which contains the Incident Command System (ICS) on all responses.

II. PURPOSE

The NIMS Incident Command System enhances firefighter safety by providing a modular organizational structure that can be used at all incidents both emergency and non-emergency. Additional components of the ICS will include common terminology, integrated communications, unity of command, a unified command structure, consolidated incident action plans, a manageable span of control and designated incident facilities.

III. GENERAL

The first Fire Department officer or member arriving on scene shall be in command until relieved by a higher ranking officer, and shall transmit a brief initial radio report including:

1. Unit identification.
2. A brief description of the situation found, where appropriate. This will generally apply to buildings and their occupancies, and any obvious conditions and hazards.