
Glossary

Accountability—Effective accountability during incident operations is required at all levels within the facility. The following guidelines are adhered to: **Check-In** (all employees and responders must report in to receive an assignment in accordance with the procedures established by the incident commander), **Incident Action Plan** (response operations must be directed and coordinated as outlined in the IAP), **Unity of Command** (each individual involved in incident operations will be assigned to only one supervisor), **Span of Control** (Supervisors must be able to adequately supervise and control their subordinates, as well as communicate with and manage all resources under their supervision), **Resource Tracking** (Supervisors must record and report resource status changes as they occur).

Alternate Communication Methods: Include cellular phones, satellite phones, internet, two-way radios, CB, HAM radios.

Alternate Facility Relocation Site—A facility that can be utilized in case of a complete evacuation of the primary facility that meets basic requirements for the safety and security of the residents and staff members. It is suggested that the facility establish at least two alternate sites, one in the same vicinity and one at least 50 miles away.

Area of Refuge—Interior rooms above the ground floor with the fewest windows or vents available for safe refuge with adequate space for everyone to be able to sit in.

Chain of Command—Every person participating in the incident has a designated supervisor. There is a clear line of authority within the incident command organization, and all lower levels connect to higher levels, eventually leading solely back to the Incident Commander. The Chain of Command follows an established organizational structure that adds layers of command as needed. The basic outline of command layers are command, sections, branches, divisions/groups, units, resources.

Code Black—Utility Outage

Code Blue—Medical Emergencies

Code Brown—Nuclear Power Plant Emergency

Code Gray—Workplace Violence or Threat of Violence

Code Green—Severe Weather. Can include **Tornadoes, External Threat, Flooding, Hurricanes and Tropical Storms (wind, storm surge, torrential rain),**

Code Orange—Hazardous Materials Incident

Code Pink—Missing Resident

Code Purple—Epidemic/Pandemic Episodes

Code Red—Fire Emergency

Code White—Terrorism

Code Yellow—Bomb Threat

Communications and Information Management—NIMS requires incident management organizations to ensure that effective interoperable communications and information management processes, procedures, and systems exist to support a wide variety of incident management activities across agencies and jurisdictions.