

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date: 12-06-07

Agenda Item Number: 82

SUBJECT: Request to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Proclamation designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all Incident Management in Tempe.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20071206fscj01 **FIRE/PARAMEDIC SERVICE ADMIN (0605-01) RESOLUTION NO. 2007.108**

SUPPORTING DOCS: No

COMMENTS: This Proclamation declares that the City of Tempe and all of its operating Departments supports and utilizes the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

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LEGAL REVIEW BY: Kara Stanek, Assistant City Attorney (350-8458)

FISCAL NOTE: No direct monetary cost to the City. NIMS compliance is required for the City to maintain Federal Grant eligibility for all Public Safety and Emergency Management activities. The City currently receives between \$160,000 and \$2.2 million in such federal grant money.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution No. 2007.108.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Proclamation is required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is a part of the overall process for the City of Tempe to be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant. Extensive NIMS training has been completed by City employees and will continue in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007.108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (“NIMS”) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN TEMPE.

WHEREAS, in the Homeland Security Presidential Directive, the President of the United States 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, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the desired levels of incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations use 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 City’s opportunities for federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, federal guidelines for homeland security grant funding require NIMS compliance as a condition of continuing eligibility; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

That the Mayor is authorized to execute a proclamation designating the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”) as the basis for all Incident Management in Tempe, and any other documents necessary to implement this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE,
ARIZONA, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY