

**National
Incident
Management
System
Consortium**

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The Incident Management System (IMS) as originally designed by the NIMSC reflected the merger of two widely used systems:

Incident Command System

&

Fire Ground Command System

The Evolution of the Incident Command System (ICS)

- The early wildland/urban interface fires in southern California created enormous mutual aid problems
- The various response agencies had no mechanism for unifying command or even talking to each other on the radio.



The Evolution of the Incident Command System (ICS)

- Numerous local, state, and federal agencies in southern California united to develop a mutual aid and command system
- The FIRESCOPE organization is formed: **F**ire **R**esources in **S**outhern **C**alifornia **O**rganized to **P**rotect **A**gainst **E**mergencies

The Evolution of the Incident Command System (ICS)

- **FIRESCOPE develops and adopts ICS**
- **Original intent was only to use on large, mutual aid incidents**
- **Organizations soon discovered that it was useful in day-to-day operations**



The Evolution of the Incident Command System (ICS)

- **1972: Richard Nixon forms the President's National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**
- **The commission authors *America Burning!* report.**
- **Among other things, the report recommends better mutual aid, better command systems, and creation of the United States Fire Administration and National Fire Academy**

The Evolution of the Incident Command System (ICS)

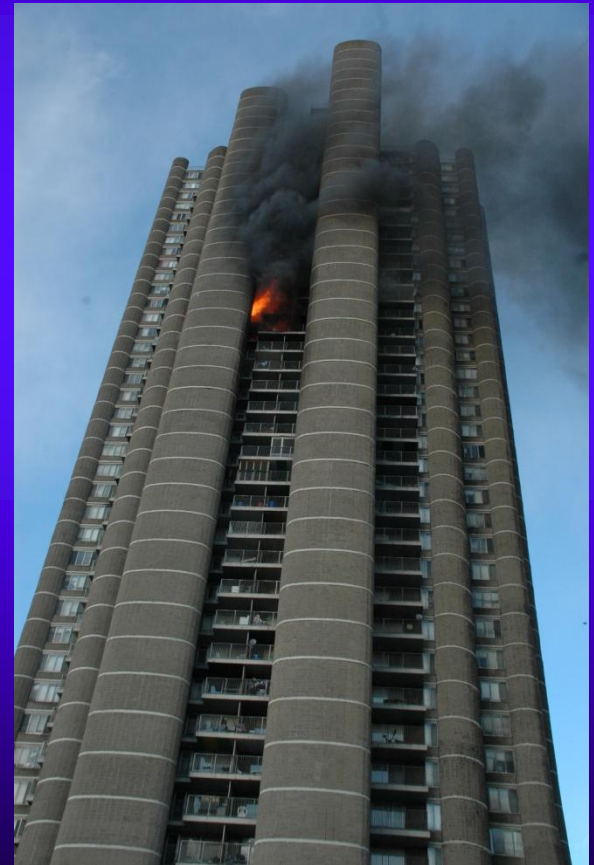
- **The National Fire Academy is formed and adopts FIRESCOPE ICS as the command system for all of their courses.**
- **Federal agencies involved in FIRESCOPE adopt ICS nationwide.**

The Evolution of the Fire Ground Command System (FGC)

- **Many local fire departments felt ICS was too burdensome for daily operations.**
- **ICS had a stigma of being solely for large wildland fires.**
- **Agencies outside of Southern California had no input into development or modification of ICS**

The Evolution of the Fire Ground Command System (FGC)

- Alan Brunacini and the Phoenix, Arizona Fire Department develop FGC
- Some concepts similar to ICS, but there were many notable differences.
- Specifically designed for incidents involving 25 fire companies or less.



The Evolution of the Fire Ground Command System (FGC)

- Brunacini and other Phoenix staff members traveled far and wide teaching their system.
- Brunacini published *Fire Command* with the NFPA.

Problems/Issues Emerge

- **Both systems become widely used throughout the U.S.**
- **In some cases neighboring municipalities used different systems.**
- **The differences were sufficient enough to create problems.**
- **The idea of national response teams, such as the FEMA USAR teams was emerging**

A Movement Begins...

- **ICS/FGC Panel Discussion is held at the IAFC Convention in Indianapolis in August, 1989.**
- **Attendees asked ICS/FGC people to mend fences and make the systems compatible.**
- **ICS/FGC reps agree to attempt this.**
- **IAFC forms task group to look at merger.**

The Movement Continues...

- **ICS/FGC reps met three times between July 1990 and January 1991**
- **More organizations got involved as each meeting took place**
- **Landmark meeting occurs in Chesterfield, Virginia in August 1991**

The NFSIMSC Is Born!

- **The Consortium becomes a self-standing organization**
- **Organizations represented in Chesterfield are considered the charter members**
- **Officers are elected; Gary Morris of Phoenix is the first President**

NFSIMSC Charter Members

- **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)**
- **Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA)**
- **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)**
- **Fire Ground Command (Phoenix FD)**
- **FIRESCOPE**
- **International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)**
- **International Assoc. of Fire Fighters (IAFF)**

NFSIMSC Charter Members

- **International Fire Service Training Association**
- **International Society of Fire Service Instructors**
- **National Advisory Committee on Integrated Emergency Management System**
- **National Fire Academy**
- **National Fire Protection Association**
- **National Volunteer Fire Council**

NFSIMSC Charter Members

- **National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)**
 - **Bureau of Indian Affairs**
 - **Bureau of Land Management**
 - **National Association of State Foresters**
 - **National Park Service**
 - **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
 - **U.S. Forest Service**
- **Society of National Fire Academy Instructors**
- **U.S. Fire Administration**
- **Women in the Fire Service**

Timeline of Important NFSIMCS Developments

- **March, 1993: By-Laws and Constitution are adopted at Houston meeting; full slate of officers are elected at that meeting**
- **Fall, 1994: First document, *Model Procedures Guide for Structural Fire Fighting* is published; other documents soon follow.**

Timeline of Important NFSIMCS Developments

- Fall, 1997: NFSIMSC is legally incorporated as an IRS 501(c)(3), not-for profit corporation in State of Texas**
- Spring 2000: NFSIMSC is funded by U.S. DOT to develop guide for highway incidents**
- 2007: Changed name to National Incident Management System Consortium**

The NIMSC Today

Current Officers:

- **Pres.** George Maier, FDNY
- **Vice Pres.** Bob Neamy, LAFD (ret.)
- **Secretary** Mike Wieder, IFSTA/OSU
- **Treasurer** Ed Hawthorne, Shell Oil/CIMA
- **Admin. Comm. Chair** David Endicott, MD
- **Model Proc. Comm Chair** Gene Chantler,
Fort Collins, CO



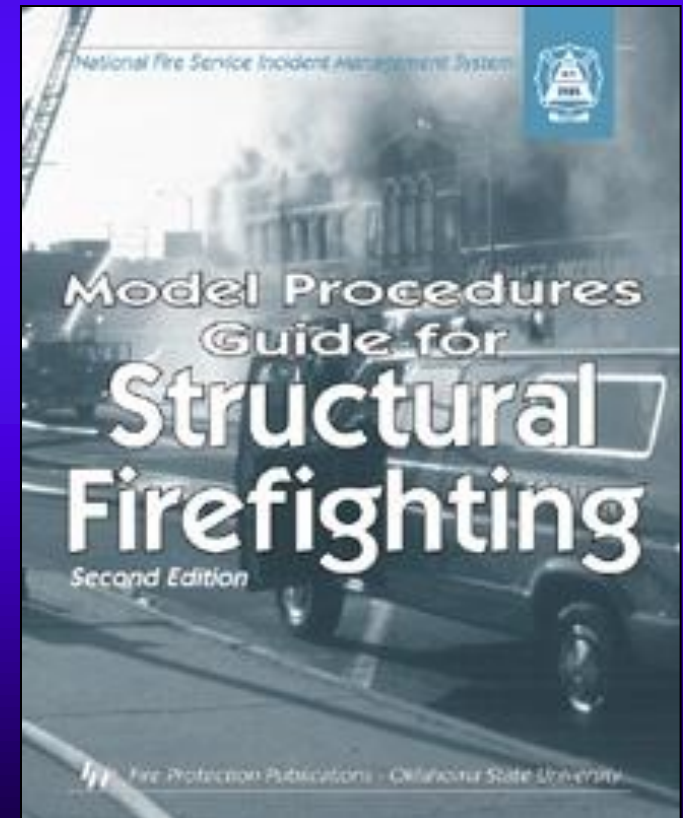
NFSIMSC Funding



- **Early funding provided by USFA/NFA grants**
- **Primary funding through royalties received from FPP for sales of documents**
- **Grants from other organizations/agencies**

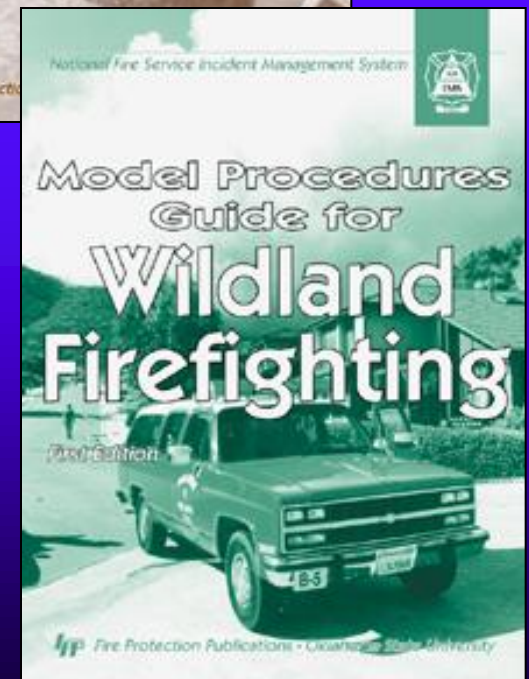
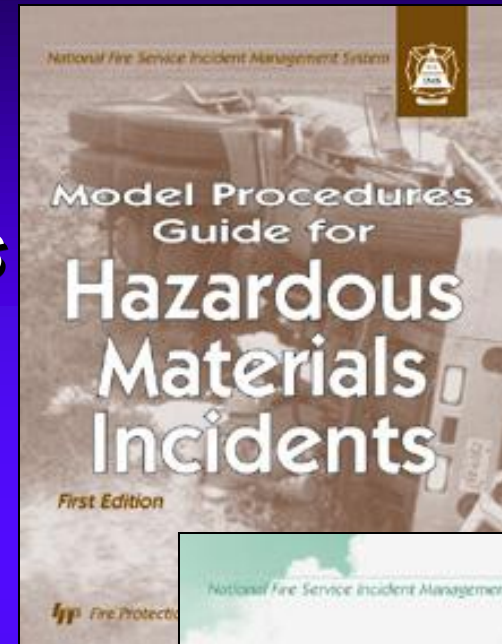
Early NIMSC Documents

- ***Model Procedures for Structural Firefighting***
- ***Model Procedures Guide for Structural Collapse and US&R Incidents***
- ***Model Procedures Guide for High-Rise Fire Fighting***

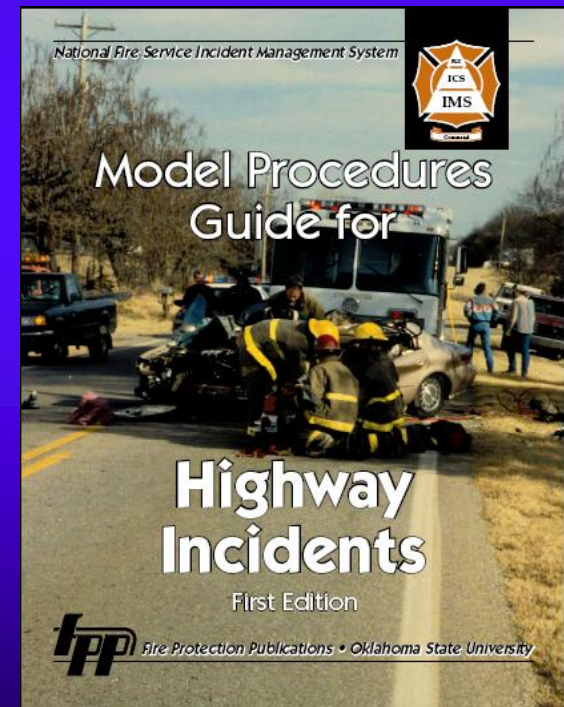
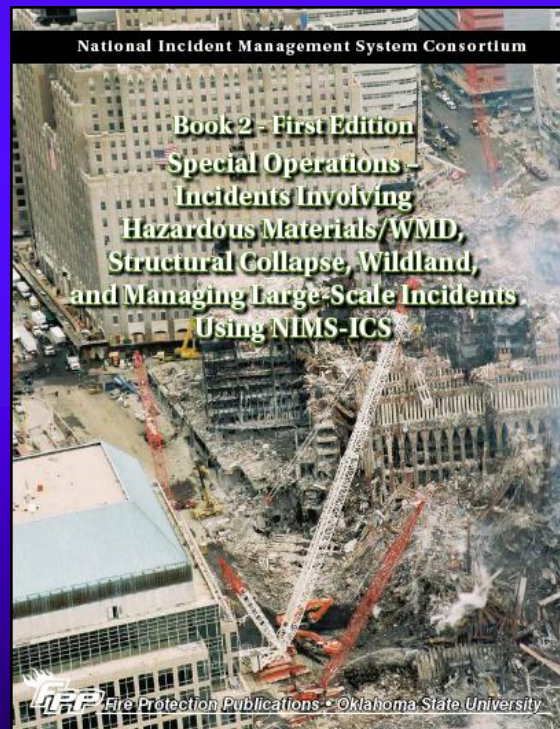
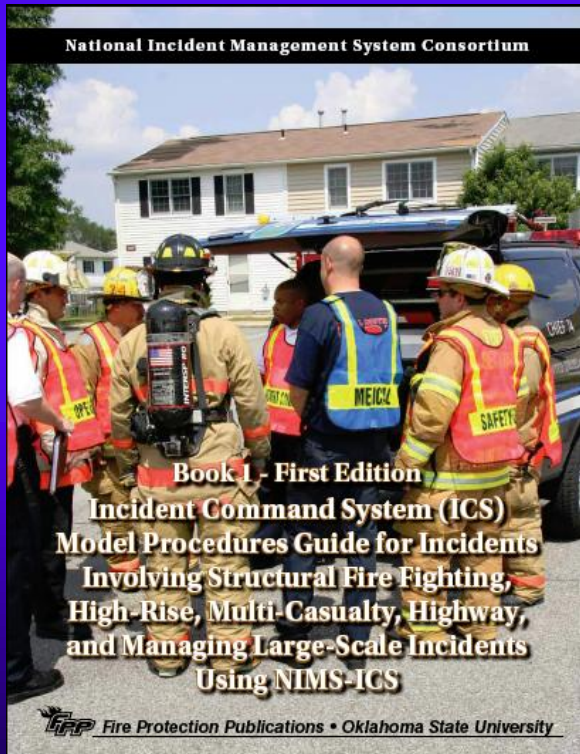


Early NIMSC Documents

- ***Model Procedures Guide for Hazardous Materials Incidents***
- ***Model Procedures Guide for Wildland Firefighting***
- ***Model Procedures Guide for Emergency Medical Incidents***



NIMSC Document Available Today



The Future of the NIMSC

- Relatively inactive the past 3 years
- Working to obtain funding for a law enforcement MPG
- Its days may be numbered



THANK YOU!!!

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