



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: All EMS-Instructors and Course Coordinators

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In September, 2005, Governor Rell signed Executive Order Number 10, identifying the need to subscribe to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). As part of that directive, emergency professionals were required to complete training in programs that would prepare them to more effectively fulfill appropriate roles in large-scale incidents. EMS professionals were specifically required to complete IS 700 (Introduction to NIMS), and ICS 100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System).

Other public safety and emergency service professions have already integrated such programs into their initial training programs. The Office of Emergency Medical Services will require that EMS professionals also receive this training in all initial certification programs effective September 1, 2009. After that date, candidates for certification will be expected to document successful completion of IS 700 and ICS 100, either by completing those training modules in a classroom setting conducted by an authorized NIMS / ICS instructor or by submitting certificates of completion from an on-line site authorized to provide that training, such as <http://training.fema.gov>. The EMS-Instructor / Course Coordinator will be responsible for assuring each candidate's successful completion of this requirement and retaining a record of such training in the his / her course documentation.

IS 700 and ICS 100 are considered the minimum requirements; ICS 200 should be considered highly desirable for certification / licensure levels at the EMT level and above.

These programs are not only required by the Governor's executive order; they should be viewed as essential preparation for all emergency service personnel, including EMS professionals.

Please contact me with any questions.