



STATE OF NEBRASKA

Dave Heineman
Governor

Rick Sheehy
Lieutenant Governor
State Capitol, Room 2315
P.O. Box 94863
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4863
Phone (402) 471-2256
ricksheehy@notes.state.ne.us

March 25, 2005

On April 4, 2005, the Governor's Homeland Security Policy Group and I met to discuss many topics including grants, the status of state and local programs as well as the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Nebraska's NIMS implementation plan. In early March Governor Heineman issued a State Executive Order designating NIMS as the emergency response standard for all state and local first responders. This order was in response of HSPD 5 issued by President Bush in 2004 which mandated the adoption of the National Incident Management System.

As a result, all states must adopt NIMS at the state and local level to receive continued funding through the Department of Homeland Security grant programs. Failure to comply jeopardizes the ability to receive federal disaster assistance as well as first responder grant funding.

Governor Heineman and I support the NIMS concept and implementation plan and strongly encourage all first responders to actively support NIMS by taking the necessary training. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has added a link on their website (www.nebema.org) with pertinent information regarding NIMS to assist in receiving the necessary training.

Should you require further information or have questions regarding the NIMS program, please contact Mr. Henry Tamasi, Exercise and Training Coordinator for NEMA at (402) 471-7349 or henry.tamasi@ngb.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Sheehy".

Rick Sheehy
Lieutenant Governor
Homeland Security Director