



NIMS

In Chapter 1, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) was introduced as a set of federal procedures used by government agencies to organize crisis response. Under the nine steps for success in the Developing the Plan section of this chapter, it was explained that NIMS provides a logical means of designating staff responsibilities that will be understood by partner organizations and the media.

The public information systems described in NIMS were designed to effectively manage the two-way flow of public information in a crisis, regardless of the size and complexity of the situation or the number of agencies involved in the response.

Positions that PIOs and their staff may have to fill under NIMS are located under the JIC. Review the JIC structure and functions for a large-scale incident represented in Table 4–1. One person may do many functions, or one function may be staffed by many people, depending on the scope of the incident.

Table 4–1. NIMS Sample JIC for a Large Incident²⁰

