

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EARTHQUAKE**

**EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS  
PLAN**

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The District's "**Earthquake/Emergency Operations Plan**" is the result of a coordinated effort by members of the Orange Unified School District, school site councils, community members, local law enforcement, local fire department and the Orange County Emergency Management Division. This plan was originally based on the District's Emergency Plan that was implemented in 1988. The plan was significantly revised in 1992 when Senate Bill 1988 went into effect. As a result of events during the East Bay Hills fire, Senator Petris introduced SB 1841 (chaptered as Government Code Section 8607, effective January 1, 1993.)

This statute directed the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies, to establish by regulation the **Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS.)** The framework included the Incident Command System (ICS), multi-agency or inter-agency coordination, Master Mutual Aid Agreement and system, and operational area concept.

**SEMS is the standard currently used for emergency response throughout the State of California.**

**National Incident Management System:** On February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, Management of Domestic Incidents, which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a **National Incident Management System (NIMS).** **NIMS and SEMS are almost Identical "Emergency Management Systems".**

At the time of preparation for our District's Earthquake/Emergency Operations Plan, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is in the process of identifying individual areas where SEMS need to be updated to comply with the NIMS requirements. SEMS and NIMS are almost identical and the differences are primarily in areas outside of the arena of our Earthquake/Emergency Response Plan. In addition, it is essential that OUSD comply with the SEMS/NIMS requirements and document properly for FEMA reimbursement for a major catastrophe.

**THE ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZES THE ELEMENTS OF THE STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS THE ONLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE THE IMPLEMENTED AT A TIME OF EMERGENCY.**

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Below is a portion of a document recently sent out by the “Governor’s Office of Emergency Services”:

*The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) issued a statement on 9/23/05 titled “SEMS/NIMS Crosswalk.*

*The document stated that the California Office of Emergency Services is committed to providing guidance regarding California’s compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).*

*This Crosswalk identifies how the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and NIMS compare. A first step is to identify any areas that need enhancements to fully address each component of NIMS. For SEMS/NIMS integration, we are measuring NIMS compliance against those requirements set forth in the United States Department of Homeland Security’s policy letter to Governors dated September 8, 2004.*

*The National Incident Management Compliance Assurance Support Tool (NIMCAST), June 2004, is being used to compare SEMS and NIMS. It is a voluntary self-assessment instrument that State, local, tribal, and private-sector and nongovernmental organizations can use to evaluate their organization’s ability to effectively prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.*

*This Crosswalk is intended to assist all California jurisdictions with meeting NIMS requirements by listing specific NIMS components and the corresponding SEMS regulation. Since SEMS regulations (Section 2400 of the California Code of Regulations) may not address all of the NIMS requirements, other documentation, including emergency operations plans, procedures, government code, city/county ordinances, agreements, are cited as appropriate. Supporting activity that is being addressed by a SEMS Specialist Committee is also identified.*

*Jurisdictions using this “Crosswalk” as a guide to assess their level of NIMS compliance may find it useful to refer to the original NIMS and NIMCAST documents as reference materials. Both documents are available on FEMA’s website ([www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)). Some local jurisdictions may find that they have already addressed more of the NIMS requirements through their own plans and procedures, ordinances, and resolutions. This document only identifies the state level documents that support NIMS.*

SEMS/NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, including acts of catastrophic terrorism.

This plan establishes the basic elements of SEMS and the additional requirements of NIMS and provides mechanisms for the further development and refinement of supporting national standards, guidelines, protocols, systems, and technologies. Building on the foundation provided by existing incident management and emergency response systems used by jurisdictions and functional disciplines at all levels, this plan integrates best practices that have proven effective over the years into a comprehensive framework for use by incident management organizations in an all hazards context (terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies).

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