

RESOLUTION #650

IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, *In Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) – 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and*

WHEREAS, *the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and*

WHEREAS, *it is necessary that all federal, state, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and*

WHEREAS, *to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that federal, state, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and*

WHEREAS, *the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the Borough of Kulpmont's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and*

WHEREAS, *the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities within the Borough, including all public safety and emergency response organization training programs; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that Kulpmont Borough Council does hereby mandate the National Incident Management System be utilized for all incident management in the Borough of Kulpmont.*

ADOPTED ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.

ATTEST:

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