

# Town of Camden

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Mayor Robert A. Mooney  
Town Manager Donald H. Mulrine, Jr.

## ORDINANCE # 74

AN ORDINANCE 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 management 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, 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 Town's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency 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 throughout the state, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

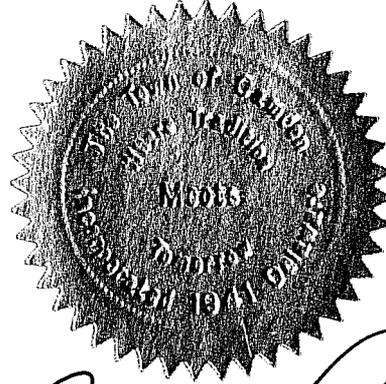
WHEREAS, the National Commission of Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Charter of the Town of Camden, I do hereby mandate the National Incident Management System be utilized for all incident management in the Commonwealth.

I further proclaim this to take effect immediately.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006

Town Council Members voting:



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Solicitor

ATTEST:

Town Manager

Mayor Robert A. Mooney

Vice-Mayor James O. Plumley, III

Councilman Robert Hawkins

Councilman Richard Snyder

Councilman Mark Babbitt

1<sup>st</sup> reading 11/6/06

2<sup>nd</sup> reading 12/4/06

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