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Volunteers and NIMS compliance

Question

What are the NIMS requirement for volunteers? In particular our Search and Rescue volunteers and CERT volunteers. Thank you!

Answer

As volunteers, you are not required to comply with the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System. However, volunteers are part of the emergency response community and they should understand the common terminology and role responsibilities inherent in both systems. We strongly recommend that volunteers, especially S&R and CERT volunteers, take ICS-100, ICS-200 and IS-700. They should take IS-800 if they are a part of a command structure.