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**STEVEN R. SCHUH**  
**County Executive**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12**

**TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS") to 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**, in Executive Order 01.01.2005.09, dated March 4, 2005, Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., adopted the NIMS as the State standard for incident management and requires State government agencies to adopt the system as the basis for command and control of emergency incidents in cooperation with local jurisdiction response partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County recognizes that emergency planning and response to incidents requires emergency and governmental organizations to adopt uniform standards for terminology, organization, and communications, and requires a consistent approach to every aspect of incident management from planning and training to response and recovery during emergencies; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 19 day of April, 2016, as follows:

1. The National Incident Management System, as developed and administered under

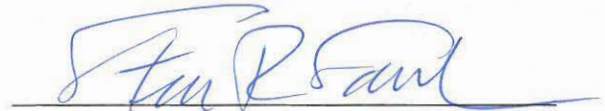
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Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, shall be the County standard for incident management.

2. All County agencies will adopt the National Incident Management System as the basis for command and control of emergency incidents.

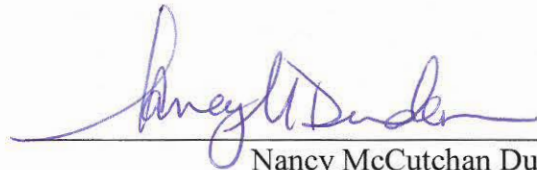
3. The Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with all County agencies, will coordinate and facilitate an aggressive Incident Command System/National Incident Management System training program, utilizing a multi-disciplinary, all-hazard approach.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



STEVEN R. SCHUH  
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Nancy McCutchan Duden  
County Attorney