LOUISIANA ALL HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM PROGRAM

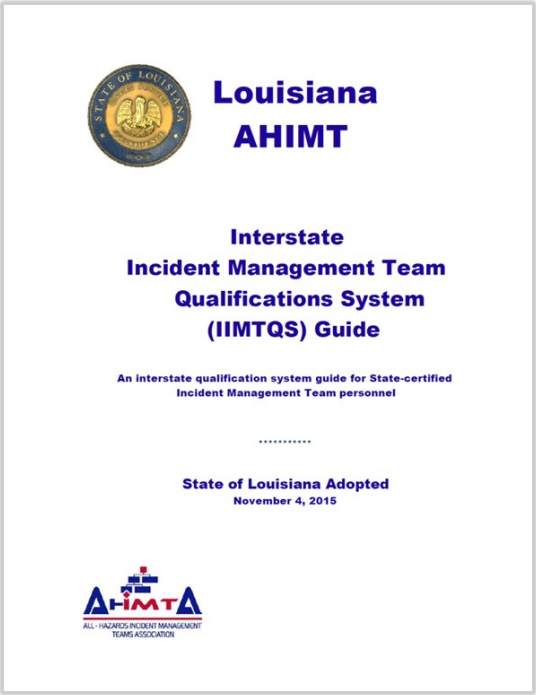
Background

In the Fall of 2014 the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) convened a committee to begin work on the development of a Louisiana All Hazards Incident Management Team program (LA AHIMT) for the State of Louisiana. The committee met and began work, reviewing federal guidance and various programs adopted by other states. In the Spring of 2015 it was decided to transition the committee under the Unified Command Group's First Responder Subcommittee, which officially established it as the "Louisiana All Hazards Incident Management Team Working Group" at their meeting on February 23, 2015. The LA AHIMT Working Group continued to review available doctrine and guidance, then focused on the All Hazards Incident Management Team Association's (AHIMTA) model documents.

The Working Group unanimously agreed to recommend adoption of the AHIMTA's model Interstate Incident Management Team Qualifications System (IIMTQS) Guide and Position Task Books (PTBs) to the First Responder Subcommittee. In turn, the First Responder Subcommittee unanimously recommended adoption and implementation of these documents to the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2015.

Adoption

The AHIMTA IIMTQS was adopted by the First Responder Subcommittee and Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security on November 4, 2015.


Louisiana AHIMT

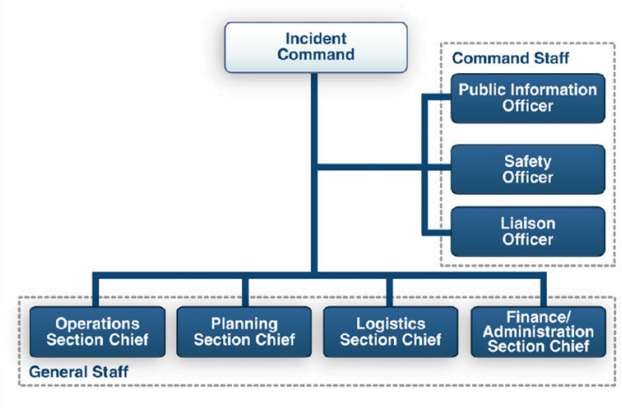
Interstate Incident Management Team Qualifications System (IIMTQS) Guide

An interstate qualification system guide for State-certified Incident Management Team personnel

State of Louisiana Adopted
November 4, 2015

The IIMTQS is comprised of 3 components:

1. Interstate Incident Management Teams Qualification System Guide
2. Position description/qualification tables (incorporated in the Guide)
3. Position Task Books (PTB)



The Way Forward

The LA AHIMT Working Group is continuing its work to fully implement the AHIMTA IIMTQS in Louisiana. It is important to note that while agencies are encouraged to create All Hazards Incident Management Teams, it is **NOT** required to seek credentialing for any team under this program.

Through this program, however, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security is encouraging interested agencies to establish credentialed AHIMTs, thereby creating NIMS typed resources under a nationally recognized standard, which can be available locally, within the state through the IMAC system, or even nationally through the EMAC system.

For More Information

Contact your GOHSEP Regional Coordinator or the GOHSEP Office at 225-925-7500

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To learn more about the All Hazards Incident Management Teams Association please visit: www.ahimta.org