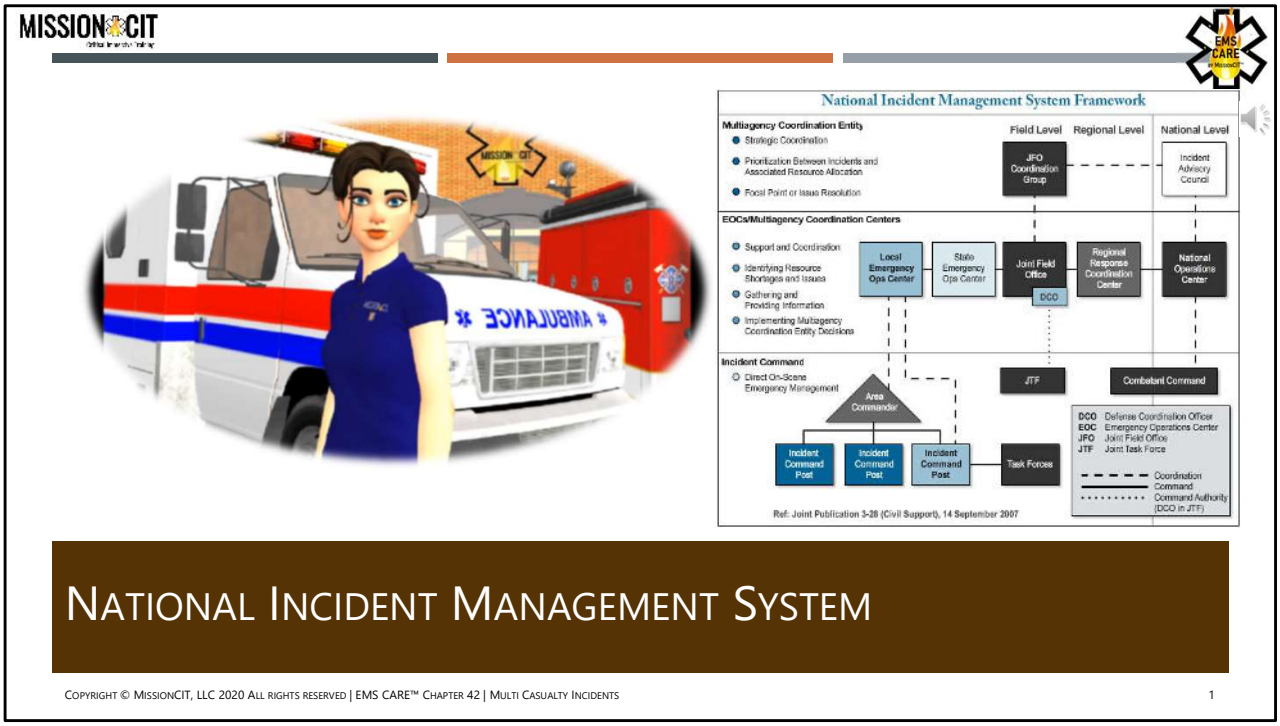
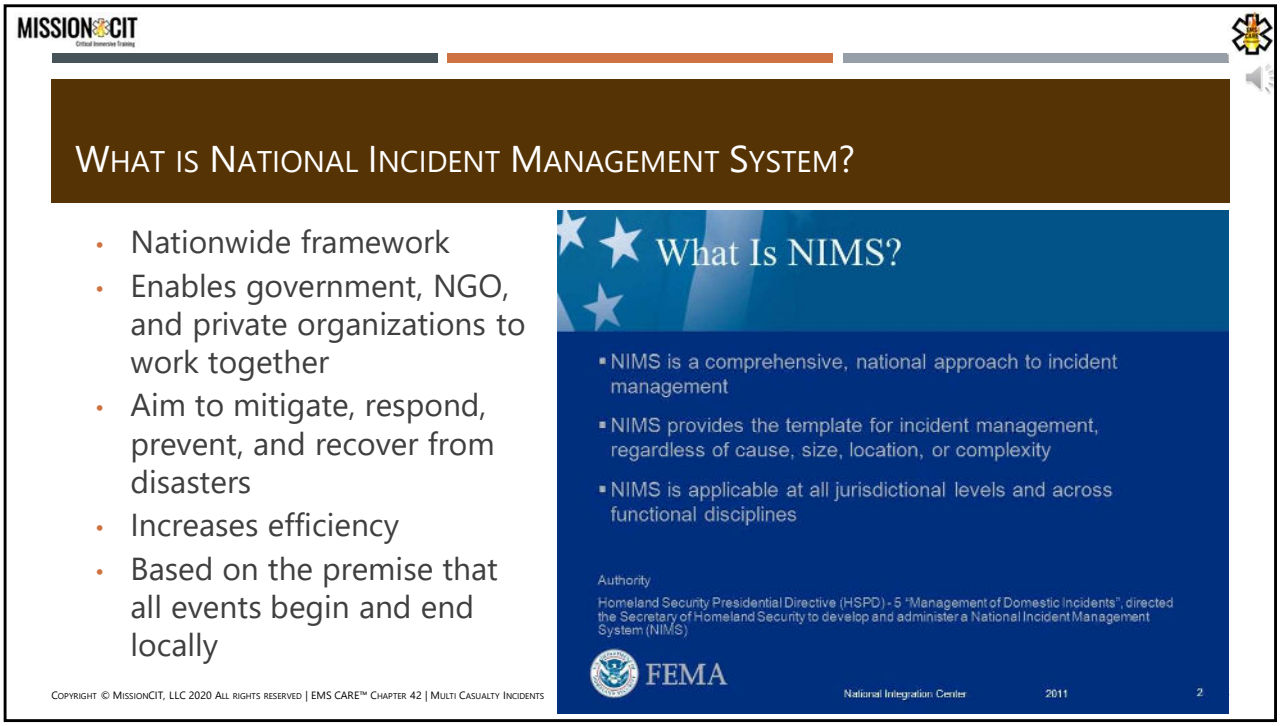


Hello and welcome to the first lesson of Multi Casualty Event and Field Triage. In this lesson, we will talk about the National Incident Management System and its major components.

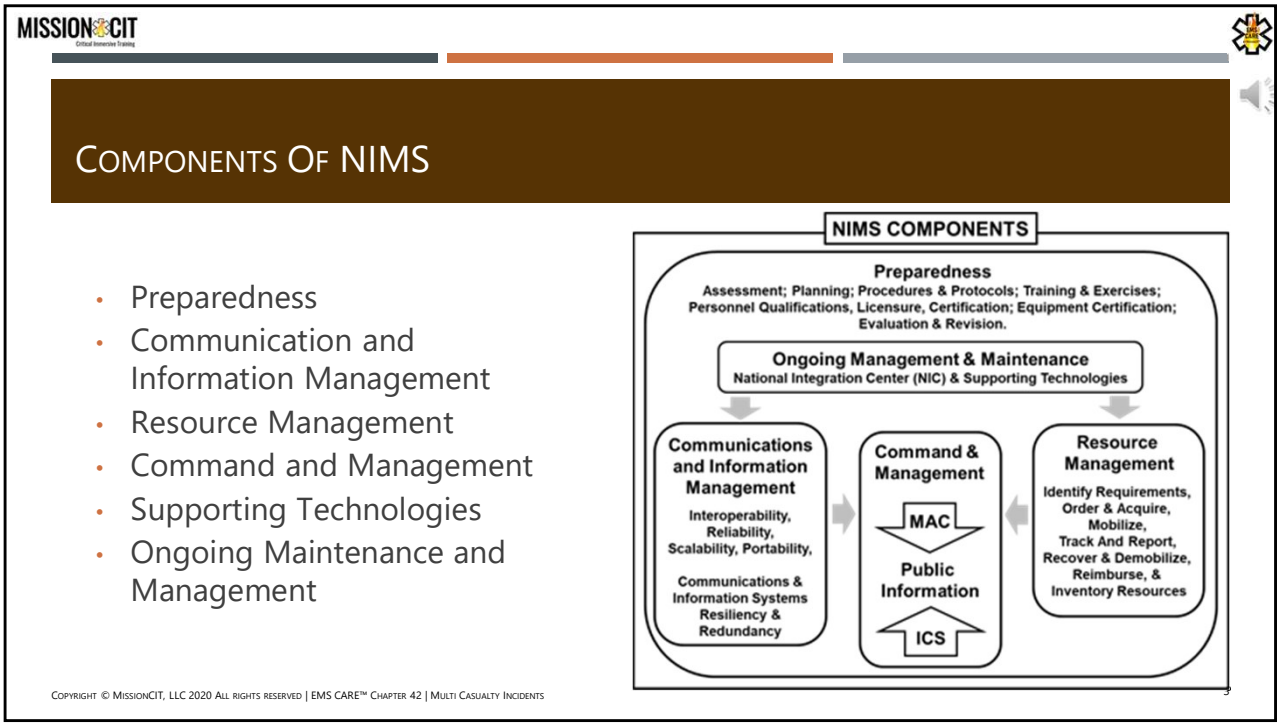


The National Incident Management System or N I M S is a consistent nationwide framework to enable governments at all levels, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to work together during incidents, with an aim to mitigate, respond, prevent, or recover from it.

The consistency of the framework helps everyone to provide an efficient and effective response to incidents, regardless of the size, location, and complexity.

It is based on the premise that all events begin and end locally, so it aims to empower the State and local

authorities to handle it well, with assistance from the federal organizations when needed.



N I M S has the following components.

- Preparedness
- Communications and Information Management
- Resource Management
- Command and Management
- Supporting technologies
- Ongoing Maintenance and Management

Preparedness is an integral part of incident management and involves continuous planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking the necessary corrective action to be ready to handle

emergencies.

In communications and information management, there is a framework to communicate most effectively and to gather pertinent information for future analysis.

Resource management is the process of managing the existing resources most efficiently to achieve the best possible results.

The aim of command and management is to provide flexible and standardized incident management within a formal structure. It includes three important components, namely, the Incident Command System, Multiagency Coordination System, and Public Information.

The next component is to have the technological tools ready to handle emergencies.

Finally, ongoing maintenance and management help to provide the necessary training and equipment required to handle emergencies.

We hope this gives you a good idea of the existing framework. In the next lesson, Justin will focus on Incident Command System.