

### **The National Incident Management System (NIMS) will be used to manage all incidents.**

1. Incident Command (IC) is the responsibility of the agency having jurisdiction (AHJ).
2. Each assisting agency shall retain full authority to operate within the scope of its agency operational and administrative protocols and procedures.
3. Agencies that are assisting in the support of a single jurisdiction will function under the direction of that jurisdiction's designated Unified Incident Command.
4. Incident Command of a multi-discipline event should be predicated on the "Primary Hazard" of the event.
5. In a Unified Command, the "Lead Agency" may change as priorities change.

The **Mass Casualty Incident ATAB 7 Plan** is a tool that may be used in part or whole as determined by the on-scene Incident Commander in situations where the number of patients exceeds the resources of the on-scene responders. There is no set number of patients that will automatically initiate this protocol. If the Incident commander determines that additional resources or incident structure is needed to better manage due to the complexity of the incident, he/she shall announce to dispatch that an MCI is being declared. This may be done upon arrival or at any time during the incident.

- If the incident involves multiple asymptomatic patients (HazMat exposure) set up secure evaluation area.
- During a declared MCI, the Trauma System is not in effect.
- "Licensed ambulances" are not needed for transport.
- If transport resources are limited, more than one critical patient may be placed in an ambulance.