



Position Qualification for Community Resilience  
Emergency Management

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TEAM VOLUNTEER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Management
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer is a voluntary CERT team member who has training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization or disaster medical operations
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals prior to deployment</li> <li>3. Requestor specifies additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs</li> <li>4. This position can be deployed outside the home jurisdiction</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: CERT supplemental training, which may include specialization in animal response, firefighter rehab or traffic and crowd management	The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 CERT Volunteer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is trained according to standard operating procedures that the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) has developed</li> <li>2. Performs the CERT's primary duties when responding to an incident</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
<b>TRAINING</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-288: The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management</li> <li>2. IS-505: Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster</li> <li>3. CERT supplemental training courses</li> </ol>	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>5. Minimum of 18 hours of CERT Basic Training Course</li> </ol>	The AHJ may specify additional required training. Any additional training beyond Basic CERT is supplemental.



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS:  Experience: Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Type 1 CERT Volunteer or equivalent AHJ documentation	Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Understanding of CERT basic principles  Experience: Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 2 CERT Volunteer or equivalent AHJ documentation	The AHJ documents and validates knowledge, skills and abilities
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Same as Type 2	1. Arduous 2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) immunization recommendations	NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines physical/medical fitness levels for NQS positions.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Same as Type 2	1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every two years 2. The provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include the following: background check currency within 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state and national criminal and driving history.	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified



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### NOTES

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1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. This document contains references to non-Federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-Federal resource or material provides.  
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### REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
5. FEMA, CERT Basic Training Participant Manual, latest edition adopted