AIR TACTICAL GROUP SUPERVISOR (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Air Tactical Group Supervisor coordinates all airborne activity with the assistance of a helicopter coordinator and a fixed wing coordinator.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment. 3. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs.

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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	The Air Tactical Group Supervisor: 1. Establishes or transitions into a group under the Operations Section in the Incident Command System (ICS) 2. Supervises and configures the group with units as necessary 3. Coordinates the takeoffs and landings of daily assigned missions with the Air Support Group Supervisor 4. Directs in-flight missions to ensure safety; updates aircrews of changes, diversions or recalls 5. Assists aircrew during in-flight emergencies (IFE) and coordinates with the Air Support Group Supervisor when necessary 6. Coordinates with the Air Support Group Supervisor to accomplish the following: a. Communicate aircrew and aircraft status for daily mission assignments b. Divert aircraft to alternate airfields when necessary due to weather, crosswinds or special needs of aircraft or aircrew c. Update mission status or communicate significant events the Air Operations Branch Director needs to be aware of d. Report mission information to the Air Operations Branch Director for the operational planning worksheet and daily situation report	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
TRAINING	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 4. ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff - Complex Incidents 5. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 7. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 8. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-approved Introduction to Air Operations course	The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program defines a national baseline to guide and promote NIMS training. It provides recommendations to assist AHJs in developing their own training plans, tailored to their specific needs.
EXPERIENCE	1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Air Tactical Group Supervisor, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Experience in an air operations position	Military rating (current or former) as a pilot or navigator may fulfill experience in an air operations position.
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Moderate	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every three years	1. Military experience may fulfill this currency. 2. A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite within the Operations Section.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified

NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Additional training on this position is available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group at https://www.nwcg.gov/positions.

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6. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
7. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
8. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published