

SITUATION UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Situation Unit Leader oversees unit staff who collect, process and organize situation information, prepare situation summaries and develop projections and forecasts related to the incident.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Incident Management Team). 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	<p>The Situation Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Planning Section 2. Configures unit with personnel to support the incident 3. Oversees unit staff in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparing situation summaries b. Identifying graphical and numerical projections and displaying incident information relating to movement, growth, mitigation or activities c. Projecting and forecasting changes to provide and maintain a Common Operating Picture (COP) d. Preparing maps, charts and graphs as necessary e. Preparing for and participating in planning meetings f. Providing up-to-date situational awareness and incident status g. Collecting, processing, organizing, displaying and disseminating incident information and intelligence 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 6. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 7. E/L 0964: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader Course, or equivalent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives. 2. The NIMS Training Program defines a national baseline to guide and promote NIMS training. It provides recommendations to assist Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in developing their own training plans, tailored to their specific needs.

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Situation Unit Leader, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Experience in gathering, updating and applying situational information to make informed strategic decisions and to exchange relevant incident information 3. Experience in incident management in a subordinate position	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Light	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 five years	A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



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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.nwccg.gov/positions>.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Incident Management Team
2. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Situation Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
5. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
6. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
7. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published