



AMBULANCE OPERATOR

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Ambulance Operator is responsible for the safe operation of assigned emergency vehicles, for patient care and transport
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 (Ambulance Ground Team, Ambulance Strike Team, EMS Task Force). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

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
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Performs duties commensurate with more advanced certification	<p>The Ambulance Operator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is responsible for the safe operation of assigned emergency vehicles, of less than 26,000 pounds (lbs.) Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), used for patient care and transport 2. Serves as replacement or backfill driver assigned to an Ambulance Team (Ground), Ambulance Strike Team, or Medical Task Force 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Completion of a state-approved Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program, or completion of the minimum terminal learning objectives for EMT as defined by the NHTSA EMS Education Standards	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High School Diploma 2. A state-approved Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program, or completion of the minimum terminal learning objectives for EMR as defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Standards 	A Certificate of High School Equivalency is equivalent to a High School Diploma.



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
TRAINING	Same as Type 2	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. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens 8. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Demonstrates basic competency of emergency vehicle operation Experience: Minimum two years emergency driving, plus a minimum of one year as an Ambulance Operator	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Arduous	NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2, PLUS: AHJ-certified EMT	1. Valid state driver's license, with appropriate endorsements where applicable 2. AHJ-certified EMR 3. AVOC, EVOC, or other recognized equivalent certification, as applicable	The driver should be a certified EMT if assigned to an Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit with only one medical provider. If assigned to a Basic Life Support (BLS) unit, the driver should possess an EMR certification.



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CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions in this position during an incident response, planned event, operations based exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years 2. Complies with accrediting entity, agency, or body's established annual recertification, training, and education, such as continuing education units or professional development hours, which may vary by organization, department, and agency 3. Maintains immunizations as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America 4. Active member with an EMS-providing entity, organization, or agency 5. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires 	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months, sex offender registry check, and a local, state, and national criminal history.



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

1. EMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Team (Ground)
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4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
6. FEMA/US Fire Administration (USFA), Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, April 1996
7. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Guidance on Emergency Responder Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Response to CBRN Terrorism Incidents, June 2008
8. CDC, Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders, August 2014
9. National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2014
10. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Emergency Medical Services Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach, June 2000
11. NHTSA, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course Revised for Ambulances, 1995
12. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
13. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
14. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted