# Emergency Medical Services Operations Officer

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<td>OVERALL FUNCTION</td>
<td>The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operations Officer plans, accounts for, coordinates use of, schedules, and dispatches EMS task forces, strike teams, and single unit resources</td>
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| COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS | 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.  
2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment  
3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days |

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.

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| DESCRIPTION | Same as Type 2, PLUS:  
- The NIMS Type 1 EMS Operations Officer directs the operations of EMS task forces, strike teams, and single unit resources deployed to support medical operations during emergencies and disasters, and:  
1. May work as the Medical/EMS Group Supervisor or Medical/EMS Branch Director in the ICP  
2. Supervises operational assignments  
3. Reports work progress  
4. Reports status of resources to the ICP Operations Section Chief | The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 EMS Operations Officer plans, accounts for, coordinates use of, schedules, and dispatches EMS task forces, strike teams, and single unit resources deployed to support EMS operations during emergencies and disasters, and:  
1. Reports to the Medical/EMS Group Supervisor or Branch Director in the Incident Command Post (ICP)  
2. Coordinates operational assignments  
3. Conducts planning and report work progress  
4. Reports status of resources to the Resource Unit Leader in the ICP  
5. Coordinates sustainment needs with Logistics Section of ICP | Not Specified |
| EDUCATION | Same as Type 2 | Completion of the following:  
1. High School Diploma  
2. An Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P) program, or completion of the minimum terminal learning objectives for EMT-P as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National EMS Education Standards defines | Not Specified |
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| TRAINING      | Same as Type 2, PLUS: ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff - Complex Incidents | Completion of the following:
  1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100
  2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
  3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
  5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
  8. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens | Not Specified               |
| EXPERIENCE    | 1. Ten years of EMS field operations
  2. Five years of leadership experience in EMS or a related field | Five years of EMS field operations                                     | Not Specified               |
| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS | Same as Type 2                                                        | Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time | Not Specified               |
| CURRENCY      | Same as Type 2                                                         | 1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, or participation in an exercise, drill, or simulation once every three 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. |
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<td>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</td>
<td>Same as Type 2</td>
<td>AHJ-certified Paramedic</td>
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NOTES
Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES
1. CDC, Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders, September 2008
3. NHTSA, The National EMS Education Standards, January 2009
5. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Guidance of Emergency Responder Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Response to CBRN Terrorism Incidents, June 2008