

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force Leader provides direct supervision and guidance for EMS Task Force personnel
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 (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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The EMS Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides direct supervision and guidance to a group of EMS personnel, functioning as crews, who respond as a deployable resource in a task force team configuration 2. Supervises tactical assignments assigned to the EMS Task Force 3. Reports to supervisor on work progress and status of resources, maintains work records on assigned personnel, and communicates other essential information 4. Reviews common responsibilities with crew supervisors 5. Reviews assignments with subordinates and assigns tasks 6. Monitors work progress and makes changes when necessary 7. Coordinates activities with strike teams, task forces, and single resources 8. Travels to and from active assignment areas with assigned resources 9. Retains control of assigned resources 10. Submits situation and resource status information to Division/Group Supervisor 11. Maintains Unit/Activity Log and reviews individual crew reports 12. Maintains accountability for all EMS Task Force personnel 13. Ensures safety and welfare of EMS Task Force members, including enforcing use of mission-appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Completion of a state-approved paramedic program based on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National EMS Education Standards	Not Specified

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
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-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management 6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 7. Training in mass casualty triage systems, such as SALT, START, and JumpSTART 8. National Fire Academy (NFA) Emergency Medical Services: Incident Operations R0147 9. Training in EMS or equivalent 10. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 11. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 12. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens 	This position requires Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) approved driver training if the EMS Task Force Leader expects to operate an apparatus.
EXPERIENCE	<p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five years of experience in EMS field 2. Two years of leadership experience in EMS or related field 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moderate 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 3. Maintains AHJ-determined physical fitness standards suitable for the environment and typing; the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Fitness and Work Capacity meet or exceed this physical fitness standard 4. Is able to work while wearing appropriate PPE 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions. 2. PPE is mission-specific and depends on patient condition.
CURRENCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years 2. Ongoing, active participation with an EMS providing entity, organization, or agency 3. Keeps immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment 4. 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 the past 12 months; a sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and national driving and criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Active paramedic certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) or a valid paramedic license or certification with a state, District of Columbia, tribe, or U.S. territory	This position requires a valid state driver's license if EMS Task Force Leader expects to drive an apparatus.



Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services Emergency Medical Services

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Medical Services Task Force
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted
8. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster
9. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, latest edition adopted
10. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Emergency Medical Services Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach, June 2000
11. NHTSA, National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, January 2009
12. NHTSA, National Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice Model, February 2007