



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

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) VEHICLE OPERATOR

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The EMS Vehicle Operator is responsible for the safe operation of assigned emergency vehicles, including patient transport
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a National Incident Management System (NIMS)-typed team (Ambulance Ground Team - Advanced Life Support [ALS], Ambulance Ground Team - Basic Life Support [BLS], Ambulance Strike Team - ALS, Ambulance Strike Team - BLS or EMS Task Force)</li><li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment</li><li>3. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours and is deployable up to 14 days</li></ol>

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 EMS Vehicle Operator is responsible for the safe operation of assigned ambulance, of less than 26,000 pounds (lbs.) Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), generally used for patient care and transport	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li><li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li><li>3. IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System</li><li>4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li><li>5. Training in ambulance and emergency vehicle operations, or equivalent as required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)</li><li>6. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness</li><li>7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection</li><li>8. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens</li></ol>	The 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	Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Current active status with a state approved emergency services agency, as required by the AHJ	Not Specified

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<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate</li> <li>Is able to work while wearing appropriate PPE</li> <li>Maintain immunizations in accordance with current AHJ requirements</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines physical/medical fitness levels for NIMS positions</li> <li>PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks</li> </ol>
<b>CURRENCY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Functions in this position during an incident response, planned event, operations-based exercise, drill or simulation at least once every five years</li> <li>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</li> <li>Background checks as applicable law permits or as required by the AHJ</li> </ol>	<p>Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A background check completed within the past 12 months</li> <li>A sex-offender registry check</li> <li>A local, state and national driving and criminal history</li> </ul>
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid state driver's license, with appropriate endorsements as required by the AHJ</li> <li>Emergency vehicle operator certification, as required by the AHJ</li> </ol>	Not Specified



## NOTES

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

## REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team – ALS
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team – BLS
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team – ALS
4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team – BLS
5. FEMA, NIMS 508: EMS Task Force
6. FEMA, NIMS, October 2017
7. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
8. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
9. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100
10. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200
11. IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
12. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
13. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
14. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
15. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted