



Position Qualification for Fire Management and Suppression
Fire/Hazardous Materials

FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Fire/Hazardous Materials
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fire Apparatus Operator drives and operates fire apparatus
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 (Fire Engine Strike Team - Structural). 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 requirements 4. Requestor specifies type of apparatus the operator will drive, such as aerial, aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF), or tender

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 Fire Apparatus Operator is an integral member of a firefighting team who drives and operates fire apparatus	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All training for NIMS Type 2 Firefighter 2. Training in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications 3. Training in accordance with NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents or equivalent basic instruction on responding to and operating in a CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives) incident 4. First aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and automated external defibrillator (AED) training, in accordance with latest version of American Heart Association guidelines 5. Additional Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-determined training 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NFPA 1002 training is in accordance with the apparatus type the driver will operate. 2. Training may vary from state to state. Requestor agrees to accept the credentials of the providing AHJ.
EXPERIENCE	Relevant, full-time experience driving fire service vehicles, or equivalent, as AHJ determines	Full-time career or volunteer experience satisfies these experience requirements.
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Maintains AHJ-determined physical fitness standards suitable for the environment and typing; the NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments meets or exceeds this physical fitness standard 3. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Incident Management (NIMS) Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions. 2. PPE is mission-specific and may vary by work environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
CURRENCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently functions in this position 2. Participates in an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every year 3. Provides driver history record as applicable law permits or requires 4. Annual vehicle driving review/assessment and any other AHJ requirements 	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State, territory, or District of Columbia-issued valid driver's license 2. AHJ certification equivalent to NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications 3. NIMS Type 2 Firefighter qualifications 4. AHJ certification equivalent to NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents or OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response 5. AHJ certification equivalent to NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, Firefighter I 6. Any other AHJ-determined certification and recertification requirements 	Not Specified



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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fire Engine Strike Team – Structural
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Firefighter (Structural)
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
4. American Heart Association Guidelines for First Aid, 2015
5. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Commercial Driver's License Program, §390.3(f)(5), 1986
6. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2018
7. NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2013
8. NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2017
9. NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, 2018
10. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
11. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders