



Position Qualification for Mass Search and Rescue Operations
Search and Rescue

MINE SEARCH AND RESCUE STRIKE TEAM/TASK FORCE LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Mine Search and Rescue (SAR) Strike Team/Task Force Leader provides general leadership, direct supervision, wellness, and safety of the team, team members, and other single resources
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 (Mine Search and Rescue Team). 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 Mine SAR Strike Team/Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manages resources within their assigned strike team/task force 2. Reports on the progress of operations and status of resources within the strike team/task force 3. Implements the assigned portion of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) 4. Operates within the Incident Command System (ICS), in a specialized position on the Mine SAR Strike Team/Task Force 5. Operates in environments with and without infrastructure, including those affected by disasters and terrorism; with compromised access to roadways, utilities, and transportation; and with limited availability of shelter, food, and water 6. Provides: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safety of self, team members, and operations b. Medical care for self, team members, and survivors c. Simple decontamination of self and members d. Basic ground support capability for helicopter operations 7. Coordinates with ground vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft for support, transportation, and evacuation 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of all training for the NIMS Type 1 Mine SAR Team Leader and NIMS Type 1 Strike Team/Task Force Leader	Requestor should request persons with the relevant technical certifications and endorsements to lead a strike team or task force. For example, if the Strike Team/Task Force Leader is leading Mine SAR teams, the requested individual should possess both Team Leader and appropriate Mine SAR Technician qualifications.



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployment process 2. Knowledge of Mine SAR and associated hazards 3. Completion of a Strike Team/Task Force Leader position task book or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 4. Comprehensive knowledge of operations, tactics, strategy, and safety considerations specific to the mitigation of the exercise, planned event, or incident 5. Provision of oversight and supervision within a respective area to ensure the objectives established for their area are accomplished <p>AHJ-validated experience demonstrating the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incident management 2. Operations at an incident or exercise as Mine SAR Team Leader and Strike Team or Task Force Leader 	<p>The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents address knowledge, skills, and abilities standards.</p>
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Meets minimum physical fitness and swimming standards, in accordance with the AHJ's Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) 3. Maintains AHJ-determined physical fitness standards suitable for the environment and typing 4. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America 	<p>The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.</p>
CURRENCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, participation in exercise, drill, or simulation once every three years 2. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires 	<p>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 a local, state, and national criminal history.</p>
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	<p>Not Specified</p>	<p>Not Specified</p>



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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Strike Team/Task Force Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Mine Search and Rescue Team
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mine Search and Rescue Technician
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mine Search and Rescue Team Leader
5. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
6. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS), November 2017
7. ASTM International (ASTM) F2890-12: Standard Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel, 2012
8. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, 2013
9. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
10. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection
11. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens