

## ANIMAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM LEADER

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| <b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>                       | Animal Emergency Response   |
| <b>RESOURCE KIND</b>                           | Personnel   |
| <b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>                        | <p>The Animal Emergency Response Team Leader leads and coordinates an Animal Emergency Response Team within the incident command structure, working in one or more of the following competency areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals</li> <li>2. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species</li> <li>3. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife, and zoo animals</li> <li>4. Laboratory animals</li> </ol>   |
| <b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (such as an Animal Evacuation, Transport, and Re-entry Team or an Animal Sheltering Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> <li>4. Requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on the animal population the position will serve</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         |
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| <b>DESCRIPTION</b> | <p>The Animal Emergency Response Team Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Serves as the team leader</li> <li>2. Manages team members</li> <li>3. Manages operational missions assigned to the team</li> <li>4. Helps identify, procure, and allocate resources to support animal emergency response missions</li> <li>5. Facilitates communications to, from, and within the team</li> <li>6. Coordinates team activities within the incident command structure</li> <li>7. Ensures team safety</li> <li>8. Ensures compliance with animal welfare standards</li> </ol> | Not Specified |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>   | Not specified   | Not Specified |
| <b>TRAINING</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> </ol>   | Not Specified |
| <b>EXPERIENCE</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Three years of experience as a supervisor or team leader in an animal care setting</li> <li>2. Leadership experience in an animal emergency response incident or an operations-based exercise</li> </ol>  | Not Specified |

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| COMPONENT   | SINGLE TYPE  | NOTES   |
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| <b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>                               | 1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time<br>2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)<br>3. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission | 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. |
| <b>CURRENCY</b>   | Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years   | Not Specified   |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b> | Not Specified  | Not Specified   |

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### NOTES

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

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### REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Evacuation, Transport, and Re-entry Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Animal-Only Shelter
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Cohabitated Shelter
4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Collocated Shelter
5. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017

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