



Position Qualification for Operational Coordination
Emergency Management

STATE COORDINATING OFFICER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The State Coordinating Officer (SCO) oversees all aspects of state and federally declared disasters
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days4. Requestor may specify any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs5. This position deploys intrastate but not interstate

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.

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1. Supervises the Type 2 State Coordinating Officer (SCO) 2. Oversees all aspects of state and federally declared disasters 3. Is the principal point of contact for coordination of state and local disaster relief activities and implementation of the state emergency plan 4. Establishes and maintains contact with FEMA/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) leadership, including the Director of Disaster Operations (DDO), regional administrator, Federal Coordinating Officer, and Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator 5. Establishes and maintains contact with the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR), cabinet officials, state and local elected officials, and the State Emergency Management Director (Note: the SCO may also serve as the GAR and the State Emergency Management Director simultaneously) 6. Establishes and leads the Unified Coordination Group (UCG) in determining joint incident objectives and priorities throughout the operation 7. Oversees budget and expenditures to ensure stewardship of the public trust and disaster operations' effectiveness 8. Approves overarching strategy for disaster response operations 9. Approves Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) plans 10. Directs the Command and General Staff to develop necessary plans	The Type 2 SCO: 1. Is the deputy SCO, supporting the Type 1 SCO 2. Coordinates state and local disaster assistance efforts 3. Helps Command and General Staff develop plans 4. Assists in establishing the UCG 5. Helps oversee budget and expenditures to ensure stewardship of the public trust and disaster operations' effectiveness 6. Appraises the most urgently needed types of assistance 7. Develops a plan for managing the incident and establishing the Joint Field Office (JFO) 8. Ensures the management of media, community, and other external relationships to communicate the availability of assistance to applicants and the general public	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Completion of the following: 1. IS-0029: Public Information Officer Awareness 2. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 3. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-0702.a: National Incident Management System Public Information Systems 6. IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management 7. IS-706: National Incident Management System Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction 8. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 9. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework Overview 10. E/L 0208: State Coordinating Officer, or equivalent	1. Governor may specify alternate training upon appointment of SCO. 2. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type1 State Coordinating Officer, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Additional executive leadership experience	1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 2 State Coordinating Officer, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Executive leadership experience	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Performs duties under light circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time	Governor may specify alternate physical/medical fitness requirements upon appointment of SCO.
CURRENCY	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, Position Task Book for State Coordinating Officer
2. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS)
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. FEMA, Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), October 2010
6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016

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