

MEDICAL UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Medical Unit Leader manages a Medical Unit aid station, which provides treatment, care, and stabilization for ground or aeromedical transportation
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs 3. 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	The Medical Unit Leader is responsible for ensuring occupational health of all incident personnel, including planning for and coordinating incident emergency response. Incident emergency response often involves Medical Unit Leader coordination of patient evacuations/extractions from remote areas requiring good knowledge of available resources and their capability. The Medical Unit Leader reports to the Logistics Section Chief or the Safety Officer and works in the Logistics functional area	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 6. S-359: Medical Unit Leader 	Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives
EXPERIENCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or equivalent 2. Completion and Certification of NWCG Medical Unit Leader (MEDL) Position Task Book 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	Performs duties under moderate circumstances	The NQS Guide defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Specified

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Emergency Management

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PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	EMT or equivalent	Not Specified

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, Position Task Book for Medical Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2019
5. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Field Managers Course Guide, PMS 901-1

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