

INCIDENT COMMANDER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Incident Commander (IC) has overall management responsibility for the incident
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 deployment 3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. Requestor may specify any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs

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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Coordinates operations at the state, local, tribal, and territorial level or across jurisdictions	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4, PLUS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works as a member of a Unified Command, when established 2. Approves all plans and operations outlined in the Incident Action Plan (IAP) 3. Coordinates operations at the local level 4. Supervises Command and General Staff 5. Indirectly supervises all other personnel assigned to the incident through subordinate Incident Command System management positions (section chiefs, branch directors, division/group supervisors, unit leaders, and strike team/task force leaders) 	The IC has overall management responsibility for the incident, which is by nature complex and which requires numerous personnel and resources focusing on prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery. The IC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develops and implements a transition plan based on escalating incident complexity 2. Delegates various management tasks by assigning objectives to the Command and General Staff personnel to fulfill the five mission areas: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 2. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 3. ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff - Complex Incidents 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview 6. E/L 0950: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Incident Commander Course, or equivalent 7. G0191: ICS/EOC Interface 8. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 9. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 10. USFA 0305: Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team Course	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction	1. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives. 2. For Type 2, recommend National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) S-420: Command and General Staff training, or equivalent team training. 3. For Type 1, recommend NWCG S-520: Advanced Incident Management training, or equivalent team training.

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
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) Type 1 Incident Commander, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Satisfactory performance as National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 Incident Commander	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 2 Incident Commander, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Certification as a NIMS Type 2 Operations Section Chief OR Planning Section Chief OR Logistics Section Chief OR Finance/Administration Section Chief 3. Satisfactory performance as NIMS Type 3 Incident Commander	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 3 Incident Commander, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Successful performance as a NIMS Type 4 Incident Commander	1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 4 Incident Commander, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Satisfactory performance as Task Force Leader or Strike Team Leader, or supervisory experience equivalent to a Task Force Leader or Strike Team Leader	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Performs duties under light circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time	Not Specified
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Operations Section Chief
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Planning Section Chief
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Logistics Section Chief
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Finance/Administration Section Chief
5. FEMA, Position Task Book for Incident Commander
6. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
7. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS)
8. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
9. FEMA, Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), October 2010
10. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
11. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
12. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted

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