

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 or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Incident Management Team). 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	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 	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: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 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. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 8. United States Fire Administration (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.
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	Light	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, 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 508: Incident Management Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Operations Section Chief
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Planning Section Chief
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Logistics Section Chief
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Finance/Administration Section Chief
6. FEMA, Position Task Book for Incident Commander
7. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
8. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS)
9. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016

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