

SITUATION UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Situation Unit Leader collects, processes, and organizes information related to the ongoing situation
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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Situation Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collects, processes, and organizes information related to the ongoing situation 2. Prepares situation summaries 3. Prepares graphical and numerical projections and displays incident information relating to movement, growth, mitigation, or intelligence activities 4. Projects and forecasts changes to provide and maintain a common operating picture 5. Prepares maps 6. Gathers and disseminates information and intelligence for the Incident Action Plan (IAP) 7. Prepares for and participates in planning meetings providing up-to-date situational awareness and incident status 8. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Planning Section 9. Configures unit with personnel to support operations 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 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. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview 7. E/L 0964: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader Course, or equivalent 8. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 	Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Situation Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Gathering, updating, and applying situational information to make informed strategic decisions and to exchange relevant information 3. Experience in incident management in a subordinate position	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Light	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Incident Management Team
2. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Situation Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016

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