

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Not Specified
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	

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
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The primary focus of the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) is to initiate immediate lifesaving care to patients who access the emergency medical system. The Emergency Medical Responder possesses education and experience in areas of patient care commensurate with the patient care mission. Additionally, the EMR: 1. Has the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS response and to assist higher level personnel at the scene and during transport. 2. Functions as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. 3. Performs initial triage and basic interventions with minimal equipment.	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Completion of state-approved first responder program based on the NHTSA National Standard Curriculum.  Recommended: Successful completion of the minimum terminal learning objectives for Emergency Medical Responder as defined by the NHTSA National EMS Education Standard. See Note.	The personnel descriptions contained in this document are based upon the guidelines contained in the National EMS Scope of Practice Model document, which can be found at <a href="http://www.ems.gov">www.ems.gov</a> .  NHTSA National EMS Education Standards are a component of the EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A System Approach, a comprehensive plan for a national EMS education system. The State equivalent EMRs, EMTs, Advanced EMTs and paramedics are expected to transition to these educational standards as they are implemented. Presently, many states use the title of "First Responder" to indicate an EMR.

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<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following courses/curricula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICS-100: Introduction to ICS.</li> <li>2. IS-700.A: NIMS, An Introduction.</li> <li>3. HazMat Awareness Training or equivalent basic instruction consistent with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the hazards anticipated to be present, or present at the scene</li> <li>b. the probable impact of those hazards, based upon the mission role of the individual</li> <li>c. use of the personal protective equipment consistent with "Guidance on Emergency Responder Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Response to CBRN Terrorism Incidents," Dept of HHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (June 2008).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing training in the management and care of patients involved in an MCI.</li> <li>2. ICS-200: Basic ICS.</li> </ol>	Per NIMS compliance at the time of publication, ICS and IS training courses are listed. Equivalent courses must meet the NIMS Five-Year Training Plan. As NIMS compliance requirements change, the requirements in this document will change to match them.
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Ongoing, active participation with an EMS-providing entity, organization, or agency.	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	<p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individuals must be healthy enough to function under field conditions, which may include some or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12-hour shifts, austere conditions (possibly no showers, housing in tents, portable toilets).</li> <li>- Extreme weather conditions (long exposure to heat and humidity, lack of air conditioning, extreme cold, wet environments).</li> <li>- Long periods of standing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Individuals should not require personal medications that require refrigeration.</li> <li>3. Individuals should not have any physical conditions, impairments, or restrictions that would preclude them from participating in the moving and lifting of patients and/or equipment and supplies.</li> <li>4. Immunizations: <p>Refer to immunization recommendations for emergency responders by Centers for Disease Control, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Td toxoid or Tdap. Receipt of primary series and booster within the past 10 years.</li> <li>- Completion of Hepatitis B Vaccination Series OR completion of a waiver of liability.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Certification:</p> <p>Successful completion of a state-approved program at this level or NREMT certification at this level.</p> <p>Licensing:</p> <p>Active status of legal authority to function as a First Responder or an Emergency Medical Responder granted by a state, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory.</p>	Not Specified

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## NOTES

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

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