

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE LEADER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Not Specified
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (EMS Task Force).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> </ol>

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>	<p>The EMS Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides direct supervision and guidance to a group of EMS personnel, functioning as crews, who respond as a deployable resource in a task force team configuration</li> <li>2. Supervises tactical assignments assigned to the EMS Task Force</li> <li>3. Reports to supervisor on work progress and status of resources, maintains work records on assigned personnel, and communicates other essential information</li> <li>4. Reviews common responsibilities with crew supervisors</li> <li>5. Reviews assignments with subordinates and assigns tasks</li> <li>6. Monitors work progress and makes changes when necessary</li> <li>7. Coordinates activities with strike teams, task forces, and single resources</li> <li>8. Travels to and from active assignment areas with assigned resources</li> <li>9. Retains control of assigned resources</li> <li>10. Submits situation and resource status information to Division/Group Supervisor</li> <li>11. Maintains Unit/Activity Log and reviews individual crew reports</li> <li>12. Maintains accountability for all EMS Task Force personnel</li> <li>13. Ensures safety and welfare of EMS Task Force members, including enforcing use of mission-appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Completion of a state-approved paramedic program based on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National EMS Education Standards	Not Specified

Superseded

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<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>5. IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management</li> <li>6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>7. Training in mass casualty triage systems, such as SALT, START, and JumpSTART</li> <li>8. National Fire Academy (NFA) Emergency Medical Services: Incident Operations R0147</li> <li>9. Training in EMS or equivalent</li> <li>10. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection</li> <li>11. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness</li> <li>12. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens</li> </ol>	This position requires Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) approved driver training if the EMS Task Force Leader expects to operate an apparatus.
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Five years of experience in EMS field</li> <li>2. Two years of leadership experience in EMS or related field</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time</li> <li>2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) immunization recommendations</li> <li>3. Maintains AHJ-determined physical fitness standards suitable for the environment and typing; the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Fitness and Work Capacity meet or exceed this physical fitness standard</li> <li>4. Is able to work while wearing appropriate PPE</li> </ol>	PPE is mission specific and depends on patient condition.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years</li> <li>2. Ongoing, active participation with an EMS providing entity, organization, or agency</li> <li>3. Keeps immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment</li> <li>4. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires</li> </ol>	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within the past 12 months; a sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and national driving and criminal history.

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Emergency Medical Services

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PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Active paramedic certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) or a valid paramedicine license or certification with a state, District of Columbia, tribe, or U.S. territory	This position requires a valid state driver's license if EMS Task Force Leader expects to drive an apparatus.

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### NOTES

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

### REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Medical Services Task Force
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
4. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
5. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted
6. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster
7. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, latest edition adopted
8. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Emergency Medical Services Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach, June 2000
9. NHTSA, National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, January 2009
10. NHTSA, National Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice Model, February 2007

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