

## LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE STRIKE TEAM/TASK FORCE LEADER

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| <b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>                       | Search and Rescue   |
| <b>RESOURCE KIND</b>                           | Not Specified   |
| <b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>                        |   |
| <b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b> | 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Land Search and Rescue Team).<br>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment<br>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days |

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.

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| <b>DESCRIPTION</b> | <p>The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Land Search and Rescue (SAR) Strike Team/Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operates within the Incident Command System (ICS), in a specialized position in conjunction with Land SAR Teams</li> <li>Provides general leadership, direct supervision, wellness, and safety of the Strike Team/Task Force members and other single resources in:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilderness environments: Areas beyond a trailhead or eyesight distance of a backcountry two-wheel drive (2WD) road (approximately 200 feet) OR anywhere compromised local infrastructure experiences wilderness-type conditions, such as remoteness from public infrastructure support services; poor to no medical services or potable water; or compromised public safety buildings or communications systems</li> <li>Weather conditions including snow flurries and slippery ice surfaces</li> <li>Yosemite Decimal System (YDS) classes 1-3 terrain</li> </ol> </li> <li>Oversees:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety of self and team members</li> <li>Medical care of self, team members, and survivors</li> <li>Simple decontamination of self and team members</li> <li>Basic ground support capability for helicopter operations</li> </ol> </li> <li>Implements assigned portion of the Incident Action Plan (IAP)</li> <li>Manages resources within assigned Strike Team/Task Force</li> <li>Reports on the progress of operations and status of resources within the Strike Team/Task Force</li> <li>Evaluates the need for and requests additional resources</li> <li>Coordinates with ground vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft for support, transportation, and evacuation</li> <li>Operates in environments with and without infrastructure, including those affected by disasters and terrorism; with compromised access to roadways, utilities, and transportation; and with limited availability of shelter, food, and water</li> </ol> | Not Specified |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>   | Not Specified  | Not Specified |

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| <b>TRAINING</b>                 | <p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All training identified for the NIMS Strike Team/Task Force Leader</li> <li>2. All training identified for the NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Team Leader</li> <li>3. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-provided search management and planning course</li> <li>4. Training that meets or exceeds the requirements of ASTM International (ASTM) 3024</li> </ol>  | Land search management and planning training should be consistent with the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR): Managing the Lost Person Incident (MLPI), NPS Search Management, U.S. Coast Guard: Inland SAR Planning Course or AHJ-determined equivalent training. |
| <b>EXPERIENCE</b>               | <p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ability to provide oversight and supervision within a respective area to ensure the team accomplishes established objectives for assigned area</li> <li>2. Ability to oversee inspection and maintenance of personal protective equipment (PPE), tools, devices, and equipment specific to this position</li> <li>3. Knowledge of operations, tactics, strategy, and safety considerations specific to the exercise, planned event, or incident</li> <li>4. Knowledge of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployment process</li> <li>5. Knowledge of land SAR and associated hazards</li> <li>6. Knowledge of the capabilities of canine search for land and wilderness environments</li> <li>7. Understanding of SAR procedures in the land environment during day and night operations</li> </ol> <p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completion of Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Strike Team/Task Force Leader, NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Team Leader, and NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Technician positions, or equivalent AHJ documentation for each position</li> <li>2. Demonstrating multiple casualty and multiple asset scene management and dynamic assessment of risk</li> <li>3. Identifying hazards, including potential operating environments</li> <li>4. AHJ-determined incident management experience</li> </ol> | Not Specified   |
| <b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances, characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time</li> <li>2. Meets minimum physical fitness standards, in accordance with the AHJ's Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT)</li> <li>3. Maintains AHJ-determined medical fitness suitable for the environment and job requirements</li> <li>4. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America</li> </ol>   | Not Specified   |

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| <b>CURRENCY</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, participation in exercise, drill, or simulation once every three years or as the AHJ determines</li> <li>2. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires</li> <li>3. This position maintains currency for the NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Team Leader and NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Technician positions</li> </ol> | Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history. |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b> | Not Specified  | Not Specified   |

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### NOTES

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

### REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Land Search and Rescue Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Land Search and Rescue Team Leader
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Land and Search Rescue Technician
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Strike Team/Task Force Leader
5. ASTM International (ASTM) F2209-2014: Standard Guide for Training of Level I Land Search Team Member, 2014
6. ASTM F2751-2009: Standard Guide for Training of Support Level Land Rescue Team Member (LRT-Support) Member, 2009
7. ASTM F2890-2012: Standard Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel, 2012
8. ASTM F3024-2013: Standard Guide for Training of a Land Search and Rescue (SAR) Strike Team/Task Force Leader, 2013
9. ASTM WK45629: Training of Non-Wilderness Land Search Team Member
10. Mountain Rescue Association (MRA), Policy 105.1: National Compliancy Guideline, 2006
11. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, 2013
12. National Park Service (NPS) RM-59: National Park Service, Search and Rescue Reference Manual, 2011
13. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System (NIMS) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide PMS 310-1, 2016
14. Yosemite Decimal System (YDS), Classifications for Terrain
15. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
16. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

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