

LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE STRIKE TEAM/TASK FORCE LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Land Search and Rescue (SAR) Strike Team/Task Force Leader provides general leadership and direct supervision within a Land SAR Task Force
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 (Land Search and Rescue Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 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.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Land SAR Strike Team/Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operates within the Incident Command System (ICS), in a specialized position in conjunction with Land SAR Teams 2. 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"> a. 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 b. Weather conditions including snow flurries and slippery ice surfaces c. Yosemite Decimal System (YDS) classes 1-3 terrain 3. Oversees: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safety of self and team members b. Medical care of self, team members, and survivors c. Simple decontamination of self and team members d. Basic ground support capability for helicopter operations 4. Implements assigned portion of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) 5. Manages resources within assigned Strike Team/Task Force 6. Reports on the progress of operations and status of resources within the Strike Team/Task Force 7. Evaluates the need for and requests additional resources 8. Coordinates with ground vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft for support, transportation, and evacuation 9. 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 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified

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TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All training identified for the NIMS Strike Team/Task Force Leader 2. All training identified for the NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Team Leader 3. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-provided search management and planning course 4. Training that meets or exceeds the requirements of ASTM International (ASTM) 3024 	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.
EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to provide oversight and supervision within a respective area to ensure the team accomplishes established objectives for assigned area 2. Ability to oversee inspection and maintenance of personal protective equipment (PPE), tools, devices, and equipment specific to this position 3. Knowledge of operations, tactics, strategy, and safety considerations specific to the exercise, planned event, or incident 4. Knowledge of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployment process 5. Knowledge of land SAR and associated hazards 6. Knowledge of the capabilities of canine search for land and wilderness environments 7. Understanding of SAR procedures in the land environment during day and night operations <p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2. Demonstrating multiple casualty and multiple asset scene management and dynamic assessment of risk 3. Identifying hazards, including potential operating environments 4. AHJ-determined incident management experience 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances, characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 2. Meets minimum physical fitness standards, in accordance with the AHJ's Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) 3. Maintains AHJ-determined medical fitness suitable for the environment and job requirements 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 	Not Specified

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CURRENCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 determines2. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires3. This position maintains currency for the NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Team Leader and NIMS Type 1 Land SAR Technician positions	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.
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 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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