



**FEMA**

POSITION TASK BOOK FOR THE POSITION OF

**ALL-HAZARDS NATIONAL INCIDENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)  
AIR TACTICAL GROUP SUPERVISOR (SINGLE  
TYPE)**

## AIR TACTICAL GROUP SUPERVISOR (SINGLE TYPE)

### 1. Competency: Assume position responsibilities

*Description:* Successfully assume the role of Air Tactical Group Supervisor and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors

#### 1a. Behavior: Ensure readiness for assignment

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>1.</b> Arrive properly equipped at designated time and location and check in according to agency/organization guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arrive with go-kit and any additional equipment</li> <li>● Carry out check-in procedures and ensure assigned personnel do the same</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>2.</b> Obtain complete incident and logistical information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incident name, number, anticipated duration, size, type, responsibilities and expectations</li> <li>● Reporting time and location</li> <li>● Transportation arrangements and travel routes</li> <li>● Contact procedures during travel (telephone/radio)</li> <li>● Expected working conditions</li> <li>● Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</li> <li>● Security measures</li> <li>● Updated contact information and information links</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>3.</b> Obtain, assemble and prepare information and materials for go-kit. The kit should contain critical items for the assignment and be easily transportable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supplies:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Office supplies appropriate to the function</li> <li>○ Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) identification badge and qualification card</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Reference materials:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Functional guidelines relative to incident type (agency guidance or other functional guidelines)</li> <li>○ AHJ operations guides or other operational guides</li> <li>○ Position manuals</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Forms:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agency-specific forms appropriate to the function</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 1b. Behavior: Obtain information relevant to position assignment

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>4.</b> Demonstrate functional knowledge of general aviation or military aviation planning and operations.	E, F, I, J		
<b>5.</b> Obtain and maintain access to print maps of each airfield showing the runway orientation, headings, taxiways and ramps.	E, F, I, J		

<p>6. Obtain and review necessary documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Copy of Delegation of Authority, Letter of Expectation, Letter of Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</li> <li>● Applicable plans and reports</li> <li>● Directories: phone, notification</li> <li>● Written incident status summary</li> <li>● Authorizations: cell phones, rental vehicles, computers</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p>7. Obtain charts showing all airspace in or near the operational areas.</p>	E, F, I, J		
<p>8. Receive briefing from the Air Operations Branch Director or the outgoing Air Tactical Group Supervisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meetings and briefings schedule</li> <li>● Situational assessment</li> <li>● Incident objectives</li> <li>● Strategy</li> <li>● Hazards to incident personnel and public</li> <li>● Agencies/jurisdictions involved</li> <li>● Organizational structure</li> <li>● Resources summary</li> <li>● Logistical needs</li> <li>● Ordering procedures</li> <li>● Incident priorities and status: life safety, incident stabilization, property and environment</li> <li>● Timing and scheduling</li> <li>● Expected products</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

**1c. Behavior: Establish or determine organizational structure, resource and staffing needs**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p>9. Ensure all aviation personnel and aircraft are certified for mission requirements based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and AHJ requirements or contract specifications.</p>	E, F, I		
<p>10. Evaluate staffing needs required to manage the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure consistency with National Incident Management System (NIMS) organizational structure</li> <li>● Identify training opportunities</li> <li>● Ensure use of established procedures for ordering resources</li> <li>● Request appropriate technical specialists to assist with special incident conditions</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p>11. Utilize group personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establish appropriate organization and assign roles and responsibilities, while maintaining span of control</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

**2. Competency: Communicate effectively**

*Description:* Use suitable communication techniques to share relevant information with appropriate personnel on a timely basis to accomplish objectives in a potentially rapidly changing environment.

**2a. Behavior: Ensure the exchange of relevant information during briefings**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p><b>12.</b> Brief all air tactical resources about any observed air activities, including unmanned aerial systems (UAS) in operational areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brief personnel about any observed UAS activity during previous mission assignments, including observed UAS activity on the flight route to the assigned base of operations</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<p><b>13.</b> Lead staff briefings and debriefings.</p>	E, F, I		
<p><b>14.</b> Prepare for and participate in briefings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure briefings are accurate, timely and include appropriate personnel</li> <li>● Brief external support organizations</li> <li>● Share and evaluate information</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

### 3. Competency: Lead assigned personnel

*Description:* Influence, lead and direct assigned personnel to accomplish objectives and desired outcomes in a potentially rapidly changing environment.

#### 3a. Behavior: Model leadership values and principles

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>15.</b> Create a positive work environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communicate leader's intent and guidance</li> <li>● Manage group and its activities effectively</li> <li>● Proactively assume responsibility for the group and initiate action</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>16.</b> Establish and maintain positive interpersonal and interagency working relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand scope, roles, responsibilities, jurisdiction and authority of responding agencies</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>17.</b> Exhibit principles of duty, respect and integrity as a leader.	C, E, F, I, J, T		
<b>18.</b> Understand and comply with NIMS/Incident Command System (ICS) concepts and principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establish and modify an effective organization based on changing incident and resource conditions</li> <li>● Maintain appropriate span of control</li> <li>● Act as a representative of incident leadership</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 3b. Behavior: Communicate incident priorities and supervise personnel

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>19.</b> Direct and communicate with assigned personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communicate priorities, objectives, strategies and any changes</li> <li>● Inform personnel of their assigned tasks and expectations</li> <li>● Clearly explain conflict resolution procedures and ensure that personnel understand</li> <li>● Ensure that assigned objectives and expectations for the operational period are reasonable and accurate</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>20.</b> Ensure debriefings occur and participate as necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure incident situation status information is current and complete</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>21.</b> Ensure that staff follows all applicable agency/jurisdiction policies, contracts, standard operating procedures and agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial and regional relationships, as appropriate</li> <li>● Roles and responsibilities of potential responder agencies</li> <li>● Scope, jurisdiction and authority of potential responder agencies' contingency plans</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

<p><b>22.</b> Supervise and hold personnel accountable for executing assigned tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify and promptly resolve disagreements, issues and misunderstandings</li> <li>● Prioritize work while considering immediate support for incident operations</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
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**3c. Behavior: Ensure the health, safety, welfare and accountability of assigned personnel**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p><b>23.</b> Demonstrate knowledge of and comply with relevant health and safety requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Direct and oversee group operations to ensure compliance with health and safety considerations and guidelines</li> <li>● Coordinate with the Safety Officer to ensure that assigned personnel follow safety guidelines</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>24.</b> Evaluate mental and physical fatigue of assigned personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure adequate rest is provided to section personnel</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>25.</b> Recognize potentially hazardous situations, inform assigned personnel of hazards and take precautions to mitigate risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjust operations in response to hazards, weather and other relevant events</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>26.</b> Report or explain the procedures for reporting unexpected occurrences, such as fire, death, injury, illness, exposure to pathogens or hazardous materials (HAZMAT), accident, political contact or property loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure report contains nature of event, location, magnitude, personnel involved and initial action taken (such as helicopter picking up injured or an appropriate subsequent action)</li> <li>● Ensure the protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) while reporting</li> <li>● Obtain information from the following sources regarding special hazards, threats or unexpected occurrences: subordinates, personal observation, other incident personnel and off-incident personnel</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

**3d. Behavior: Identify opportunities and meet requirements to provide equal access and reasonable accommodation in all activities**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p><b>27.</b> Demonstrate the ability to assess and monitor for physical access, programmatic access and effective communications access.</p>	E, F, I, J		
<p><b>28.</b> Demonstrate the ability to identify opportunities for universal accessibility.</p>	E, F, I, J		
<p><b>29.</b> Provide equal access, disability accommodations and access and functional needs (AFN) accommodations.</p>	E, F, I, J		

#### 4. Competency: Conduct operations and ensure completion of assigned tasks

*Description:* Identify, analyze and apply relevant situational information and evaluate actions to complete assignments safely and meet identified objectives. Complete actions within established time frame.

##### 4a. Behavior: Set the group priorities

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
30. Analyze work assignments and staffing levels to ensure achievement of group objectives.	E, F, I		
31. Attend and participate in strategy meetings as necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assess organizational needs</li> <li>● Identify additional resource needs</li> <li>● Identify critical factors to ensure group success</li> <li>● Prioritize incident, section and group objectives</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
32. Disseminate priorities and expected completion timelines to staff.	E, F, I		
33. Hold staff accountable for communicated priorities and deadlines.	E, F, I		

##### 4b. Behavior: Develop and implement plans

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
34. Approve completed plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure plans are complete, accurate, realistically attainable and relevant to the incident objectives</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
35. Coordinate daily communications plan with Air Support Group Supervisor and all incident aircraft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure incident aircraft can talk with air tactical personnel and other incident aircraft operating in the airspace</li> <li>● Coordinate with the Air Traffic Control Center (ATCC)</li> <li>● Coordinate with AHJ dispatch and support centers</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
36. Participate in the planning process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prepare for and participate in planning meetings</li> <li>● Assist in the development of plans, as necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Long-range</li> <li>○ Strategic</li> <li>○ Contingency</li> <li>○ Demobilization</li> <li>○ Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E, F, I		
37. Review, validate and modify plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analyze alternate strategies and explain decisions</li> <li>● Validate or revise group objectives</li> <li>● Review information covering health and safety principles, known hazards and importance of all periods</li> <li>● Validate group organizational structure</li> <li>● Validate group resource assignments</li> <li>● Review reserve resources</li> <li>● Evaluate immediate support needs</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

##### 4c. Behavior: Coordinate with all appropriate personnel and stakeholders

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
38. Establish effective relationships and coordinate with incident personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● IMT personnel</li> <li>● Other supporting personnel</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
39. Establish effective relationships with stakeholders and partners in the impacted jurisdiction(s).	E, F, I		

**4d. Behavior: Apply agency policy, contracts and agreements**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
40. Complete all work according to organization/agency direction, policy and incident objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure that personnel complete all documentation requirements according to organization/agency direction, policy and incident objectives</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
41. Demonstrate knowledge of and apply relevant legal, regulatory and fiscal constraints.	E, F, I		

**4e. Behavior: Make appropriate decisions based on evaluation of gathered information, risks and incident situation and use information to produce outputs and modify approach**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
42. Understand and follow procedures for responding to in-flight emergencies (IFE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist in locating suitable nearby airfields</li> <li>● Alert local airfield to inbound IFEs</li> <li>● Track relayed GPS positions</li> <li>● Maintain contact with the aircraft</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

**4f. Behavior: Ensure documentation is complete**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
43. Ensure that staff accurately report flight hours to the Air Operations Branch Director using the air operations summary form.	E, F, I, J		
44. Maintain and collect personal records related to incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Time sheets</li> <li>● Rental records</li> <li>● Accident forms</li> <li>● Property records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Equipment time records</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Receipts</li> </ul>	E, F, I		



45. Maintain and submit incident records for events, personnel, equipment, supplies and other data for incident management needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Property loss/damage reports</li> <li>● Agency-required incident reports</li> <li>● Activity log</li> <li>● Changes in strategy and tactics</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
46. Review documents for accuracy, timeliness and appropriate distribution.	E, F, I		

#### **4g. Behavior: Execute Air Tactical Group operations**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
47. Coordinate with the Air Operations Branch Director regarding aircraft in flight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attempt to maintain contact with all aircraft flying missions</li> <li>● Inform each aircraft requiring a mission change</li> <li>● Ensure safe separation among all visual flight rules (VFR) aircraft operating in the area</li> <li>● Ensure airspace deconfliction procedures are in place for all incident aircraft</li> <li>● Communicate minimum safe altitude (MSA)</li> <li>● Provide information about any changes in diversion airfields</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
48. Coordinate with the Air Support Group Supervisor on times of initial arrival and eventual demobilization for aircraft/helicopters at airfields.	E, F, I, J		
49. Coordinate with the Air Support Group Supervisor to schedule aircraft launches and monitor landings, available flight times and weather forecasts.	E, F, I, J		
50. Demonstrate the ability to compile lists of all known public and private airfields in or near the operational areas.	E, F, I, J		
51. Determine, in coordination with the pilot, the operational ceilings for each type of aircraft assigned to each mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monitor in relation to obstructions and high terrain</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
52. Divert aircraft to alternate airfields when flying conditions are outside safe limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crosswinds</li> <li>● Visibility</li> <li>● Weather conditions</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
53. Ensure monitoring of each aircraft's fuel and flight time status to enable a safe return to base: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monitor flying time for each aircraft in flight; verbally check fuel and flight time status as missions extend</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
54. Maintain GPS coordinates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Helispots, helibases and airfields used to drop supplies, equipment or personnel</li> <li>● Hospital landing zones</li> <li>● Airfields suitable for diversion</li> <li>● Known hazardous areas</li> <li>● Restricted flight zones</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

<b>55. Monitor weather for potential hazards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Potential icing conditions, especially at lower altitudes</li> <li>● Density altitude</li> <li>● Visibility below minimums</li> <li>● Crosswinds airfield</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>56. Review the daily FAA Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for the operational area:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure the publication and transmission of any airspace restrictions for the operational area</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

**4h. Behavior: Manage aircrews and aviation personnel**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>57. Coordinate with aircrew:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Obtain contact numbers and lodging locations</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>58. Monitor crew work/rest requirements based on AHJ requirements.</b>	E, F, I, J		

## 5. Competency: Prepare for demobilization/transfer

*Description:* Demobilize position and transfer position duties.

### 5a. Behavior: Transfer position duties while ensuring continuity

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>59.</b> Complete all necessary reports and narratives following common standards before turnover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Activity log</li> <li>● Shift change</li> <li>● End of operational period</li> <li>● Reassignment</li> <li>● Deactivation/demobilization</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>60.</b> Complete the process for demobilizing position responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brief and provide complete and accurate records to relief personnel</li> <li>● Discuss equipment release considerations</li> <li>● Provide information to supervisor to assist with decisions on release priorities</li> <li>● Coordinate with appropriate partners regarding demobilization procedures</li> <li>● Brief personnel on demobilization responsibilities</li> <li>● Ensure personnel demobilize in a timely and complete manner</li> <li>● Emphasize safety and accountability during this phase of operations</li> </ul>	C, E, F, I, J, T		
<b>61.</b> Coordinate an efficient transfer of position duties when deactivating or demobilizing resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inform assigned personnel</li> <li>● Notify incoming personnel when and where transition of positions will occur</li> <li>● Conduct transition effectively</li> <li>● Document follow-up action and submit to agency representative</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>62.</b> Participate in transition or incident closeout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct debriefings with agency administrator(s) as requested</li> <li>● Close out incident as appropriate for the AHJ</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

### 5b. Behavior: Plan for demobilization and ensure staff follow demobilization process

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>63.</b> Participate in the development, approval and implementation of the demobilization plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate with appropriate partners regarding demobilization procedures</li> <li>● Coordinate needs and responsibilities</li> </ul>	E, F, I		