



**FEMA**

POSITION TASK BOOK FOR THE POSITION OF

**ALL-HAZARDS NATIONAL INCIDENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)  
LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF (TYPE 3)**

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### 1. Competency: Assume position responsibilities

*Description:* Successfully assume the role of Logistics Section Chief and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

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

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>1.</b> Obtain and review necessary documentation: <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		
<b>2.</b> Receive briefing from Incident Commander (IC) or outgoing Logistics Section Chief: <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		

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

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>3.</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>4.</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		

<p>5. Obtain, assemble and prepare information and materials for go-kit. The kit should contain critical items for the assignment and be easily transportable:</p> <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		
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**1c. Behavior: Establish or determine organizational structure, resource and staffing needs**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p>6. Evaluate staffing needs required to manage the section:</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>7. Utilize section 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		
<p>8. Work closely with Operations Section personnel to identify kind, type and number of resources required to achieve section objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider incident type and complexity, kinds and types of resources, resource availability and health and safety factors</li> <li>● Consider long-range and contingency plans and identify potential future resources</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
9. Lead staff briefings and debriefings.	E, F, I		
10. Prepare for and participate in briefings: <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>11.</b> Create a positive work environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communicate leader's intent and guidance</li> <li>● Manage section and its activities effectively</li> <li>● Proactively assume responsibility for the section and initiate action</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>12.</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>13.</b> Exhibit principles of duty, respect and integrity as a leader.	E, F, I		
<b>14.</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>15.</b> 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>16.</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>17.</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		
<b>18.</b> Supervise and hold personnel accountable for executing assigned tasks: <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		

**3c. Behavior: Ensure the health, safety, welfare and accountability of assigned personnel**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>19.</b> Demonstrate knowledge of and comply with relevant health and safety requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Direct and oversee section 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		
<b>20.</b> Evaluate mental and physical fatigue of assigned personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure adequate rest is provided to section personnel</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>21.</b> Recognize potentially hazardous situations, inform assigned personnel of hazards and take precautions to mitigate risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjust operations in response to hazards, weather and other relevant events</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>22.</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: <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**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>23.</b> Demonstrate the ability to assess and monitor for physical access, programmatic access and effective communications access.	E, F, I, J		
<b>24.</b> Demonstrate the ability to identify opportunities for universal accessibility.	E, F, I, J		
<b>25.</b> Provide equal access, disability accommodations and access and functional needs (AFN) accommodations.	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 section priorities

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
26. Analyze work assignments and staffing levels to ensure achievement of section objectives.	E, F, I		
27. 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 section success</li> <li>● Prioritize incident and section objectives</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
28. Disseminate priorities and expected completion timelines to staff.	E, F, I		
29. 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
30. 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		
31. 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>○ Tactical</li> <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		
32. Review, validate and modify plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analyze alternate strategies and explain decisions</li> <li>● Validate or revise section objectives</li> <li>● Review information covering health and safety principles, known hazards and importance of all periods</li> <li>● Validate section organizational structure</li> <li>● Validate section resource assignments</li> <li>● Review reserve resources</li> <li>● Evaluate immediate support needs</li> <li>● Review operational planning worksheet</li> <li>● Review medical plan</li> <li>● Review traffic plan</li> <li>● Validate Incident Action Plan (IAP)</li> <li>● Review radio communications plan</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

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

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
33. 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		
34. 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
35. 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		
36. Demonstrate knowledge of and apply relevant legal, regulatory and fiscal constraints.	E, F, I		
37. Ensure that resource release priorities address contractual requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate with Finance/Administration Section</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
38. Identify and request agreements as necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate with Finance/Administration Section</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
39. Provide guidance on logistical regulations and policy concerns.	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
40. Evaluate special conditions, existing or predicted, that require technical expertise, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hazards</li> <li>● Reconnaissance</li> <li>● Objectives</li> <li>● Access/egress</li> <li>● Values to be protected</li> <li>● Evacuation/sheltering potential</li> <li>● Communications</li> <li>● Organizational structure</li> <li>● Tactical coordination</li> <li>● Weather and topography</li> <li>● Responder fatigue</li> <li>● Logistical considerations</li> <li>● Jurisdictional responsibilities</li> <li>● Span of control</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
41. Recommend solutions for all resource challenges.	E, F, I		



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

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>42.</b> Assemble and submit relevant logistics documents to the Documentation Unit for final incident package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Waybills</li> <li>● Invoices</li> <li>● Shift tickets</li> <li>● Resource requests</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>43.</b> Fulfill Incident Commander and incident command staff requests related to existing logistics resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete resource ordering forms</li> <li>● Operate state and local emergency management systems</li> <li>● Complete checks on resource request forms</li> <li>● Provide a detailed situation report</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>44.</b> 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> <li>○ Receipts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>45.</b> 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		
<b>46.</b> Review documents for accuracy, timeliness and appropriate distribution.	E, F, I		

**4g. Behavior: Establish work assignments and performance expectations, monitor performance and provide feedback**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>47.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Communications Unit Leader: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide for maintenance and repair of field Information Technology (IT) and communications equipment</li> <li>● Provide for distribution and recovery of communications equipment assigned to incident personnel</li> <li>● Contribute to the development of a communications plan within the IAP</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>48.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Facilities Unit Leader: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Set up, maintain and demobilize all facilities used in support of incident operations</li> <li>● Provide facility maintenance and law enforcement/security services necessary for incident support</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

<p><b>49.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Food Unit Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supply food for all incident personnel, including those in remote locations</li> <li>● Determine the food and hydration needs of incident personnel</li> <li>● Plan menus, order food, provide cooking facilities, maintain food service areas and manage food security and safety</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>50.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Ground Support Unit Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide ground transportation in support of incident operations</li> <li>● Maintain and repair vehicles</li> <li>● Perform pre- and post-use vehicle inspections</li> <li>● Supply fuel</li> <li>● Develop and implement the incident traffic plan</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>51.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Medical Unit Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop and maintain the medical plan</li> <li>● Obtain medical aid and transportation for injured and ill incident personnel</li> <li>● Coordinate with Communications Unit Leader to obtain medical response radio frequencies, including medevac</li> <li>● Establish responder rehabilitation procedures</li> <li>● Supervise medical staff in providing pre-hospital and acute medical care</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>52.</b> Supervise or ensure completion of the duties of, a Supply Unit Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Order personnel, equipment and supplies</li> <li>● Receive, distribute and store all incident supplies</li> <li>● Maintain an inventory of supplies</li> <li>● Service nonexpendable supplies and equipment</li> <li>● Complete all necessary forms and documents</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### **4h. Behavior: Coordinate logistics activities**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p><b>53.</b> Coordinate and oversee the delivery and build-out of incident facilities.</p>	E, F, I		
<p><b>54.</b> Coordinate logistics support activities with state and local governments, other federal agencies, the private sector and volunteer organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Law enforcement</li> <li>● Fire and emergency medical services (EMS)</li> <li>● Health department(s)</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>55.</b> Coordinate the necessary procurement actions to support response requirements—a core function of the section.</p>	E, F, I		
<p><b>56.</b> Ensure the establishment of facilities and support services for disaster responders, as necessary.</p>	E, F, I		
<p><b>57.</b> Ensure the establishment of staging areas as necessary to support the incident.</p>	E, F, I		

<b>58.</b> Request, set up and validate ordering processes and agency ordering point, as appropriate, to support incident response.	E, F, I		
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## 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>	E, F, I		
<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		