



**FEMA**

POSITION TASK BOOK FOR THE POSITION OF

**ALL-HAZARDS NATIONAL INCIDENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
(CERT) TEAM LEADER (TYPE 2)**

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TEAM LEADER (TYPE 2)

### 1. Competency: Assume position responsibilities

*Description:* Successfully assume the role of CERT Team Leader and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

#### 1a. Behavior: Successfully assume the role of CERT Team Leader and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
1. Behavior: Successfully assume the role of CERT Team Leader and initiate position activities	E, F, I		

#### 1b. Behavior: Behavior: Gather, update and apply situational information relevant to the assignment

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
2. Collect information from outgoing CERT Team Leader or other personnel responsible for the CERT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information on incident relevant to the division or group’s activities</li> <li>● Information on the Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structure</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
3. Obtain initial briefing from the agency liaison, Branch Director, Operations Section Chief or Incident Commander (IC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Obtain current Incident Action Plan (IAP) or other relevant plans</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 1c. Behavior: Behavior: Ensure availability, qualifications and capabilities of resources to complete assignment

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
4. Review the IAP or other relevant records to identify resources assigned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Location and status of assigned resources</li> <li>● Resource identifier, if assigned</li> <li>● Supervisor name and contact information</li> <li>● Resource kind, type and quantity</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 1d. Behavior: Behavior: Establish effective relationships with relevant personnel

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
5. Coordinate with functional areas within the incident management structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participate in operational and functional area briefings</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

<p><b>6.</b> Establish and maintain positive interpersonal and interagency working relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outgoing CERT, if applicable</li> <li>● Agency liaison</li> <li>● Local agencies</li> <li>● Hosting unit</li> <li>● Policy Group, if established</li> <li>● Public</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
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**1e. Behavior: Behavior: Establish or determine organization structure, reporting procedures and chain of command of assigned resources**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<p><b>7.</b> Determine CERT resource requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request and document additional personnel</li> <li>● Recommend and document demobilization of excess personnel</li> <li>● Coordinate with CERT Section Chief for personnel actions</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>8.</b> Organize assigned CERT resources into configurations to meet incident/tactical objectives.</p>	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: Behavior: Ensure the exchange of relevant information during briefings and debriefings

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
9. Effectively communicate options, considerations, and recommendations during briefings.	E, F, I		
10. Inform agency liaison, Branch Director or Operations Section Chief as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conditions affecting division/group operations</li> <li>● Hazardous conditions</li> <li>● Situation status in assigned work area</li> <li>● Unresolved conflicts with adjacent divisions/groups</li> <li>● Effectiveness of air operations within division/group area</li> <li>● Underutilized assets</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
11. Obtain periodic progress reports from subordinates and adjacent resources.	E, F, I		
12. Provide subordinates with tactical briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss alternate plan based on strategies, control objectives and types of resources available</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

### 2b. Behavior: Ensure documentation is complete and disposition is appropriate

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
13. Ensure that incident documentation and administrative requirements are complete, as the Operations Section Chief or IC requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit incident narrative to supervisor</li> <li>● Complete and submit activity log to Documentation Unit or appropriate personnel for each operational period</li> <li>● Ensure all personnel and equipment time records are complete and submitted at the end of each operational period</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

### 2c. Behavior: Behavior: Communicate incident priorities and operations

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
14. Communicate priorities, objectives and any changes throughout the CERT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain shared situational awareness throughout the CERT</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
15. Monitor CERT support status and develop alternate strategies to meet incident objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advise assigned staff of significant changes in incident status that may affect them</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
16. Provide timely feedback in response to requests from other ICS sections.	E, F, I		

<p><b>17. Report unexpected occurrences (such as injuries, illnesses, accidents, political contacts or property loss or damage):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure that standard information contains nature of event, location, scope, personnel involved, initial action taken and appropriate subsequent action</li> <li>● Protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII) while reporting</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
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**2d. Behavior: Behavior: Develop and implement plans**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<p><b>18. Help prepare the IAP, planning meeting agenda and strategic plan for the next operational period:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update CERT on current situation</li> <li>● Help set priorities for next operational period</li> <li>● Determine tasks and work assignments for next operational period</li> <li>● Advise on current capabilities and limitations</li> <li>● Determine resource needs or excess</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>19. Participate in preparing other relevant plans for CERT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demobilization plan</li> <li>● Evacuation plan</li> <li>● Contingency plans</li> <li>● Incident within an incident plan(s)</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: Behavior: Model leadership values and principles

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>20.</b> Exhibit principles of duty, respect and integrity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Be proficient in the job, both technically and as a leader</li> <li>● Make sound and timely decisions</li> <li>● Supervise staff to ensure they understand and can accomplish duties and tasks</li> <li>● Train and mentor assigned subordinates</li> <li>● Keep assigned personnel informed</li> <li>● Seek and accept responsibility for actions</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 3b. Behavior: Behavior: Ensure the health, safety, welfare and accountability of assigned personnel

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>21.</b> Comply with relevant health and safety requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Direct operations based on health and safety considerations and guidelines</li> <li>● Ensure that assigned personnel follow safety guidelines appropriately</li> <li>● Spot-check operations to ensure compliance with safety considerations</li> <li>● Account for assigned resources</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>22.</b> Evaluate mental and physical fatigue of assigned personnel and make resources available to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appropriate work/rest ratio</li> <li>● Crisis counseling</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 3c. Behavior: Behavior: Establish work assignments and performance expectations, monitor performance and provide feedback

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>23.</b> Determine assigned CERT resources' ability to complete assignment within time frame and provide feedback through the chain of command.	E, F, I		
<b>24.</b> Develop schedules and assignments based on IAP or relevant plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assign responsibilities for segments within the CERT</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<b>25.</b> Ensure that subordinates understand assignment for each operational period.	E, F, I		

<p><b>26.</b> Evaluate the performance of assigned personnel and ensure that staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Implement assigned portions of the IAP</li> <li>● Assign resources within the CERT</li> <li>● Report on the progress or control of CERT operations</li> <li>● Report on status of resources within the CERT</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>27.</b> Periodically evaluate personnel status and operational needs to determine whether personnel assignments are appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine kind and number of personnel necessary for CERT operations</li> <li>● Provide for functional and geographical supervision as necessary</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

**3d. Behavior: Behavior: Coordinate interdependent activities**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<p><b>28.</b> Coordinate across functional areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Safety Officer</li> <li>● Resources Unit Leader</li> <li>● Situation Unit Leader</li> <li>● Field observers</li> <li>● Resource advisors</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>29.</b> Coordinate activities with adjacent divisions/groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review CERT assignments to determine specific areas or tasks requiring coordination</li> <li>● Maintain communications with adjoining divisions/groups</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>30.</b> Establish cohesiveness among assigned resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promote an environment of open communication</li> <li>● Demonstrate and encourage commitment to the team and mission</li> <li>● Set expectations for accountability</li> <li>● Focus on the team result</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

#### 4. Competency: Competency: Ensure completion of assigned actions to meet identified objectives

*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: Behavior: Execute assigned tasks, assess progress and make necessary adjustments

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
31. Adjust tactics in response to opportunities or problems encountered.	E, F, I		
32. Apply a continuous risk management process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Situational awareness</li> <li>● Hazard assessment</li> <li>● Hazard control</li> <li>● Decision point</li> <li>● Evaluation</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
33. Determine appropriate tactics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make resource assignments</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
34. Determine need for assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify need for additional assistance by monitoring work progress or obtaining reports from subordinates</li> <li>● Coordinate with assigned incident supervisor and request assistance according to procedures discussed in briefing</li> <li>● Notify the assigned incident supervisor when resources shift within CERT or exceed operational needs</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
35. Identify and communicate logistical support needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review IAP's logistics elements to determine whether they meet operational needs</li> <li>● Maintain documentation of accountable property assigned to the division/group</li> <li>● Anticipate and resolve logistical needs</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
36. Identify kind, type and number of resources required to achieve objectives.	E, F, I		
37. Implement objectives and special instructions for CERT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monitor work progress and evaluate incident situation</li> <li>● Evaluate different uses of single and combined resources based on tactical needs within CERT</li> <li>● Evaluate CERT accomplishments against set objectives</li> <li>● Develop recommendations for next operational period</li> </ul>	E, F, I		

##### 4b. Behavior: Transfer position duties while ensuring continuity of authority and knowledge and while taking into account the increasing or decreasing incident complexity

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
38. Coordinate an efficient transfer of position duties when mobilizing/demobilizing resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inform assigned personnel and supervisor</li> <li>● Communicate with incoming personnel concerning when and where transition of positions will occur</li> <li>● Conduct transition effectively</li> <li>● Document follow-up actions</li> </ul>	E, F, I		



<p><b>39.</b> Provide a face-to face-briefing to the incoming CERT Team Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss current conditions, concerns and actions</li> <li>● Identify potentially hazardous conditions</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
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**4c. Behavior: Behavior: Plan for demobilization and ensure staff follow demobilization procedures**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<p><b>40.</b> Complete process for demobilizing CERT responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reinforce emphasis on safety and accountability during this phase of the operations</li> <li>● Brief subordinate staff on demobilization responsibilities</li> <li>● Ensure all subordinate staff demobilize in a timely and complete manner</li> <li>● Demobilize equipment, as necessary</li> <li>● Brief replacement, if necessary</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>41.</b> Help develop, approve and implement demobilization plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate with supervisor during development and implementation</li> <li>● Coordinate with appropriate partners regarding demobilization procedures</li> <li>● Coordinate CERT needs and responsibilities</li> <li>● Provide information to supervisor to assist with decisions on release priorities</li> </ul>	E, F, I		
<p><b>42.</b> Participate in agency administrator’s organization closeout and After-Action Review (AAR).</p>	E, F, I		