AMBULANCE GROUND TEAM - ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)

DESCRIPTION	The Ambulance Ground Team – Advanced Life Support (ALS) provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at a Paramedic level and deploys with personnel, ambulance, equipment and supplies to provide patient transport with emergency medical care
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Ambulance Ground Team – ALS: 1. Provides out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation and transportation services at the Paramedic level as specified by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) 2. Is deployable as a single resource, or as part of a task force or strike team
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as working conditions, length of deployment, medical supplies and equipment, communications equipment, security, lodging, transportation, fuel and meals, prior to deployment 2. Discuss staffing for deploying this team, such as rotations, replacement crews, etc. 3. This team works up to 12 hours per shift and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. Discuss exceptions for or additions to EMS positions, such as EMS Vehicle Operator, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Advanced EMT (AEMT)

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
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	2	AHJ should consider requesting additional staff to support 24-hour ambulance operations, as needed
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Not Specified	Not Specified
LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER TEAM	ALS	AHJ determines level of care provided by the Ambulance Ground Team – ALS
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Paramedic 1 - NIMS Type 1 EMS Vehicle Operator, EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic	AHJ determines support personnel authorized to operate the vehicle
PATIENT CAPACITY PER TEAM	Not Specified	Number of patients determined by design of vehicle
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Ambulance supplies and equipment should meet applicable regulatory requirements	Not Specified

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) PER TEAM MEMBER	Commensurate with mission assignment	1. PPE is mission-specific and varies with the working environment. PPE includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and hearing protection, respirators gloves and masks 2. OSHA 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134 and Part 1910.1030 address PPE requirements 3. OSHA CFR 29 Part 1910.120 address HAZMAT
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Not Specified	AHJ should ensure communications equipment is provided

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: AEMT
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMR
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMS Vehicle Operator
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMT
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Paramedic
6. FEMA, NIMS, October 2017
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted