AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM - BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

DESCRIPTION	The Ambulance Strike Team – Basic Life Support (BLS) is a group of five or more ambulances of the same type with common communications and a team leader in a separate command vehicle. This team provides an operational group of ambulances complete with a supervisory element for organization command and control
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Ambulance Strike Team – BLS comprises EMS personnel that provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation and transportation services at the BLS level
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 and replacement crews 3. This team works up to 12 hours per shift and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. The quantity of ground ambulances needed depends on the nature of the mission, logistics, intensity of demand, duration of service activity and allowance for rest periods 5. Requestor can order additional personnel to ensure the ongoing availability of resources to support the mission assignment safely and effectively 6. Refer to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Typed Ambulance Ground Team – BLS for staffing of individual BLS ambulances

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	11	Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) should consider requesting additional staff to support 24-hour ambulance operations, as needed
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - NIMS Ambulance Strike Team Leader	Not Specified
LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER TEAM	BLS	AHJ determines level of care provided by the Ambulance Strike Team – BLS
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	5 - NIMS Type 1 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) or Paramedic 5 - NIMS Type 1 EMS Vehicle Operator, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), EMT, AEMT or Paramedic	Not Specified
VEHICLES PER TEAM	5 - NIMS Ambulance Ground Team – BLS 1 - Command vehicle	Command vehicle is not a NIMS-typed resource
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Ambulance supplies and equipment should meet applicable regulatory requirements	Not Specified

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	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. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (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 508: Ambulance Gound Team - BLS
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: AEMT
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Ambulance Strike Team Leader
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMR
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMS Vehicle Operator
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: EMT
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Paramedic
8. FEMA, NIMS, October 2017
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
10. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
11. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted