

## AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM - BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	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
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Team
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Ambulance Strike Team - BLS comprises EMS personnel that provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation and transportation services at the BLS level
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Discuss staffing for deploying this team, such as rotations and replacement crews</li> <li>3. This team works up to 12 hours per shift and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> <li>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</li> <li>5. Requestor can order additional personnel to ensure the ongoing availability of resources to support the mission assignment safely and effectively</li> <li>6. Refer to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Typed Ambulance Ground Team - BLS for staffing of individual BLS ambulances</li> </ol>

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
<b>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	11	Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) should consider requesting additional staff to support 24-hour ambulance operations, as needed
<b>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	1 - NIMS Ambulance Strike Team Leader	Not Specified
<b>LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER TEAM</b>	BLS	AHJ determines level of care provided by the Ambulance Strike Team - BLS
<b>SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	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
<b>VEHICLES PER TEAM</b>	5 - NIMS Ambulance Ground Team - BLS 1 - Command vehicle	Command vehicle is not a NIMS-typed resource
<b>SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Ambulance supplies and equipment should meet applicable regulatory requirements	Not Specified

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<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Commensurate with mission assignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134 and Part 1910.1030 address PPE requirements</li> <li>3. OSHA CFR 29 Part 1910.120 address HAZMAT</li> </ol>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Not Specified	AHJ should ensure communications equipment is provided

## NOTES

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

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## 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