

AREA COMMAND TEAM – FIREFIGHTING

DESCRIPTION	The Area Command Team - Firefighting supports the area command, which may be activated to manage a very large incident with multiple Incident Management Teams
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Fire/Hazardous Materials
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The Area Command Team - Firefighting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides oversight to multiple incidents rather than providing direct action on any one incident 2. Manages multiple incident commanders to ensure that the overall objectives are being met, to set priorities among incidents, and to allocate scarce resources between incidents 3. Coordinates conflicting objectives, strategies, priorities, and resource requests between incidents
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. Discuss the number of hours the team can operate and the number of operation days prior to deployment 3. Area Command Teams, Firefighting may be established when incidents are close enough that oversight direction is required

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	6	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - Area Commander (ACDR)	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - Assistant Area Commander Planning (AAPC) 1 - Assistant Area Commander Logistics (AALC) 1 - Area Command Aviation Coordinator (ACAC) 2 - Area Command trainees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depending on the complexity of the incident, specialists in other areas such as aviation safety, information, long-term fire planning, and risk planning may also be assigned 2. The ACDR identifies the type of trainee to be included in the Area Command Team, Firefighting based on incident requirements
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	PPE is mission-specific and may vary by work environment. It includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks	Not Specified
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Not specified	Not Specified

NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Minimum personnel requirement determined by National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
4. FEMA, Field Operations Guide, June 2016
5. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, 2013
6. NIFC, Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Red Book, January 2022