RADIO DIRECTION FINDING TEAM

DESCRIPTION	
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	

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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type II	Incident staff capable of managing electronic direction-finding operations	Unit level mission release No search management capabilities	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Team leader and team members to support at least 2 operational field units (at least 1 team member must be a medical specialist - EMT or higher) Management staff following ICS model	Team leader and team members to support at least 2 operational field units Management staff following ICS model	Team leader Team member(s)	Not Specified
CAPABILITIES PER TEAM	Must be able to operate the team's equipment Team is expected to be able to triangulate a distress beacon to its source Team members must be experienced in coordinating with other search teams and aircrews Team members must have training for operations in remote locations for extended periods One member of each team must have advanced medical training to the EMT level	Must be able to operate the team's equipment Team is expected to be able to triangulate a distress beacon to its source Team members must be experienced in coordinating with other search teams Team members must have training for operations in limited remote locations for extended periods	Must be able to operate the team's equipment Team is expected to be able to triangulate a distress beacon to its source in moderate terrain Team members are not expected to operate in remote field locations for extended periods	Not Specified
RESCUE EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Equipment to support remote extrication and field transport of aircraft crash survivors	None required	None required	Not Specified

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Appropriate level PPE for working environment	Not Specified
ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type II	At least one Handheld Portable Electronic Direction Finder per team	At least one Handheld Portable Electronic Direction Finder	Not Specified
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type II	VHF Radios Cell Phone	Cell Phone	Not Specified
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	4x4 vehicles that can transport each team throughout the search area	Vehicles that can transport each team throughout the search area 4x4s are not required, but recommended	1 vehicle that can transport the team throughout the search area 4x4s are not required, but recommended	Not Specified

NOTES

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

REFERENCES

FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017