

AMBULANCE TASK FORCE

DESCRIPTION			
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services	RESOURCE KIND	Vehicles/Team
OVERALL FUNCTION		COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	NO TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Overall Function	Any combination of 5 ambulances of different types (ALS and BLS) with common communications and a leader, in a separate command vehicle. This resource typing is used to distinguish between a Task Force of Ambulances and an Emergency Medical Task Force (any combination of resources).		Capable of providing clinical and transportation services to a range of patient conditions, includes vehicles, staff, equipment, and supplies.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Team experienced and actively involved in the care and transportation of EMS patients.		EMS Staff (2 per vehicle) AND Supervisor/ Leader, in a separate command vehicle. (1 per 5 ambulances). See Note 6	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Vehicle	5 Ambulances. See Note 8		Any combination of 5 ambulances	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			



COMMENTS

1. Security, housing, and food will be provided by the requesting jurisdiction unless other arrangements have been made
2. Support elements needed include fuel, security, resupply of medical supplies, and support for a minimum of 11 personnel (e.g., if 2 crew per ambulance only 1 personnel for lead responsibilities) or 17 (e.g., if 3 crew per ambulance and 2 personnel for lead responsibilities for 24 hour shift). If assigned for > 5 days, additional staff will be needed to provide for crew rest. See ALS and BLS Air or Ground Ambulance resources for staffing of individual ambulances. Temperature control support may be required for medical supplies in some environments. Vehicle maintenance support required.
3. Additional staff, e.g., administrative, maintenance, logistic, may be needed to ensure the ongoing availability of resources required to safely and effectively support the mission assignment.
4. Can be deployed to cover 12-hour periods or 24-hour ops depending on number of ambulances needed at one time. Should be self-sufficient for 72 hours.
5. The estimation of the quantity of ground ambulance resources needed is based on many factors such as the nature of the mission, logistics, intensity of demand, duration of service activity, and allowance for rest periods.
6. Supervisor/leader must meet or exceed criteria for Ambulance Task Force Leader. Communications capabilities must support communications, both enroute and at scene, with all other units under the leader's supervision. Mobility and coordination of tactical support of the Ambulance Task Force necessitates a separate command vehicle for the leader.
7. Any person driving must be qualified to operate an emergency vehicle.
8. A minimum of Td toxoid or Tdap (receipt of primary series and booster within the past 10 years) and a complete Hepatitis B Vaccination Series OR a waiver of liability. Also refer to immunization recommendations for emergency responders by Centers for Disease Control for additional guidance for specific responses.

NOTES

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