



Resource Typing Definition for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Services

AMBULANCE GROUND TEAM – BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

DESCRIPTION	The Ambulance Ground Team – Basic Life Support (BLS) provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level and deploys with personnel, ambulance, equipment and supplies to provide patient transport with emergency medical care
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Ambulance Ground Team – BLS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation and transportation services at the EMT level 2. Is deployable as single resource, or as part of a task force or strike team
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, replacement crews, etc. 3. This team works up to 12 hours per shift and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. Discuss exceptions for or additions to EMS positions, such as Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), EMT and EMS Vehicle Operator as required by Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)

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	2	AHJ should consider requesting additional staff to support 24-hour ambulance operations, as needed
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Not Specified	Not Specified
LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER TEAM	BLS	AHJ determines level of care provided by the Ambulance Ground Team – BLS
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 – National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 EMT 1 – NIMS EMS Vehicle Operator, EMR or EMT	AHJ determines support personnel authorized to operate the vehicle

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
PATIENT CAPACITY PER TEAM	Not Specified	Number of patients determined by design of vehicle
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Ambulance supplies and equipment should meet applicable regulatory requirements	Not Specified
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) PER TEAM MEMBER	Commensurate with mission assignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 509: Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Vehicle Operator
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
4. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted