

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMR)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Emergency Medical Responder's (EMR) primary focus is to assist higher trained individuals during patient care, movement and transportation
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	 This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a National Incident Management System (NIMS) typed team (Ambulance Ground Team – Advanced Life Support (ALS), Ambulance Ground Team – Basic Life Support (BLS), Ambulance Strike Team – ALS, Ambulance Strike Team – BLS, or EMS Task Force)
	 Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours and is deployable up to 14 days

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
DESCRIPTION	 The EMR: Functions as part of a comprehensive EMS response, community, health or public safety system with clinical protocols and medical oversight Performs basic interventions, with minimal equipment and resources, to manage life threats, medical needs and psychological needs Assesses patient needs, initiates treatment and requests additional resources, as necessary Assists in caring for patients during ambulance transport Primary function in disaster response is assisting higher trained individuals Operates an assigned ambulance or emergency vehicle used for patient care and transport, commensurate with level of emergency vehicle training, as required by the AHJ 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Successful completion of a state, local, tribe or territory-approved EMR training program that meets or exceeds National EMS Education Standards	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
TRAINING	 Completion of the following: IS-5: An Introduction to Hazardous Materials, or equivalent IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction Training in ambulance and emergency vehicle operations, or equivalent as required by Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens 	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Current active status with a state, local, tribe or territory approved EMS agency, Practicing at the EMR level	Not Specified
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	Arduous Maintain immunizations in accordance with current AHJ requirements	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines physical/medical fitness levels for NIMS positions
CURRENCY	 Complies with accrediting entity, agency, or body's established annual recertification, training and education, such as continuing education units or professional development hours, which may vary by organization, department and agency Maintain immunizations in accordance with AHJ requirements Background checks as applicable law permits or as required by the AHJ 	The provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include the following: background check currency within twelve months; sex offender registry check; and a local, state, and national-based criminal history
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	 State, tribe, or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as an EMR Emergency vehicle operator certification, as required by the AHJ 	Can operate to the skill level approved by their home state or medical director

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

- 1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team Basic Life Support (BLS)
- FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- 4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team Basic Life Support (BLS)
- 5. FEMA, NIMS 508: EMS Task Force
- FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
- FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
- 8. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
- 9. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100
- 10. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200
- 11. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction
- 12. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- 13. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Association of State EMS Officials, National EMS Scope of Practice Model 2019 (DOT HS 812-666), February 2019
- 14. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, 2021
- 15. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
- 16. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
- 17. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted