



## AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM LEADER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Ambulance Strike Team Leader provides direct supervision and guidance to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance crews in a strike team configuration
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Ambulance Strike Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> </ol>

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Ambulance Strike Team Leader: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supervises tactical assignments</li> <li>2. Reports work progress and resource status to the EMS/Medical Branch Director or the division or group supervisor</li> <li>3. Maintains work records on assigned personnel</li> <li>4. Coordinates activities with other strike teams, task forces, and single resources</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. High School Diploma</li> <li>2. A state-approved Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program and coursework that conforms with the minimum terminal learning objectives for EMT as defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National EMS Education Standards</li> </ol>	Exceptions apply for individuals who graduated from a paramedic program prior to January 1, 2013 (the date the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program accreditation became a requirement for National registry certification).
<b>TRAINING</b>	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Experience: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Five years of EMS field operations</li> <li>2. Two years of leadership in EMS or a related field</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Arduous	NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>CURRENCY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions in this position during an incident response, planned event, operations based exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years</li> <li>2. 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</li> <li>3. Maintains immunizations as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America</li> <li>4. Active member with an EMS-providing entity, organization, or agency</li> <li>5. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires</li> </ol>	<p>Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months, sex offender registry check, and a local, state, and national criminal history.</p>
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) certified EMT	Not Specified



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<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Ambulance Strike Team is a group of five ambulances of the same type, either Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS), with common communications and a leader in a separate command vehicle. This team provides an operational group of ambulances complete with a supervisory element for organization command and control.
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Team
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Ambulance Strike Team comprises EMS personnel that provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evacuation, and transportation services
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss logistics for deploying this resource, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>2. Request a minimum of four persons per ambulance for staffing to meet the two-personnel minimum and to provide for crew rest if the ambulance is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week</li> <li>3. Request a minimum of six personnel for each ambulance if an operation may last five or more days</li> <li>4. The quantity of ground ambulances needed depends on the nature of the mission, logistics, intensity of demand, duration of service activity, and allowance for rest periods</li> <li>5. Requestor can order additional personnel to ensure the ongoing availability of resources to support the mission assignment safely and effectively</li> <li>6. Support elements such as logistics and maintenance are necessary if there are 11 personnel, for example if there are two crew members per ambulance and only one person for lead responsibilities</li> <li>7. Refer to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Typed Ambulance Ground Team for staffing of individual ALS or BLS ambulances</li> </ol>

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
<b>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	11	Not Specified
<b>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance Strike Team Leader	Not Specified
<b>SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER AMBULANCE</b>	Same as Type 2	5 - NIMS Type 1 Paramedic 5 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance Operator	Same as Type 4	5 - NIMS Type 1 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) 5 - NIMS Type 2 Ambulance Operator	Types 1 and 2 are ALS capable and Types 3 and 4 are BLS capable ambulances.
<b>LEVEL OF CARE CAPABILITY PER AMBULANCE TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	ALS	Same as Type 4	BLS	Not Specified
<b>VEHICLES EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	5 - NIMS Type 1 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 2 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 3 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	5 - NIMS Type 4 Ambulance (Ground) 1 - Command vehicle	Types 1 and 2 are ALS capable and Types 3 and 4 are BLS capable ambulances.



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
<b>PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Not Applicable	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Advanced ventilation and airway equipment 2. Monitoring and defibrillation equipment 3. Intravenous (IV) supplies and solutions 4. Medications	Not Applicable	1. Basic ventilation and airway equipment 2. Immobilization devices 3. Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) 4. Dressings and bandages 5. Patient restraints	Each response or mission may need additional specialized equipment or supplies.
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 4, PLUS: Range of supplies commensurate with the mission assignment, including PPE appropriate to the Level B hazardous material (HAZMAT) threat	PPE consistent with OSHA regulations	1. Types 1 and 3 are capable of operating in a hazardous materials environment. 2. 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. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134 and Part 1910.1030 address PPE requirements. 3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 471, 472, 473 and OSHA CFR 29 Part 1910.120 address HAZMAT.
<b>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1. Short range, two-way portable radio (one per team member) 2. Cell phone (one per unit)	1. Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and task force needs. 2. Requestor should verify interoperability of ambulance communications equipment and plan for augmenting existing communications equipment.

## NOTES

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

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6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Ambulance Strike Team Leader
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8. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 471: Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents, 2002
9. NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2013
10. NFPA 473: Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2013
11. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
12. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
13. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted
14. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma et al., Equipment for Ambulances, October/December 2013



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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Task Force
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
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7. CDC, Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders, August 2014
8. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Emergency Medical Services Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach, June 2000
9. NHTSA, The National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, January 2009
10. NHTSA, The National Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice Model, February 2007
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