

Emergency Medical Services Resources

Typed Resource



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Federal Emergency Management Agency

RESOURCE: Ambulances (Ground)						
CATEGORY: Health & Medical (ESF #8)				KIND: Team		
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER
COMPONENT	METRIC					
Team	Care provided	Advanced Life Support	Advanced Life Support	Basic Life Support	Basic Life Support operations	Non-transporting emergency medical response
Personnel	Minimum staff	2 paramedic and EMT	2 paramedic and EMT	2 EMT and first responder	2 I EMT and first responder	1
Vehicle	Transport	2-litter patients	2-litter patients	2 litter patients	2 litter patients	
Personnel	Training and equipment	Same as Type III	Non-HazMat response	Meets or exceeds standards as addressed by EPA, OSHA and NFPA 471,472,473 and 29 CFR 1910, 120 ETA 3-11 to work in HazMat Level B and specific threat conditions All immunized in accordance with CDC core adult immunizations and specific threat as appropriate		BLS or ALS equipment/supplies
COMMENTS:	<p>Emergency medical services team with equipment, supplies, and vehicle for patient transport (Type I-IV) and out-of-hospital emergency medical care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each team unit can work 12-hour shifts. Backup supply and some equipment required according to number of patients and type of event. Communication equipment may be programmable for interoperability but must be verified. Plan for augmenting existing communication equipment. Environmental considerations related to temperature control in patient care compartment and pharmaceutical storage may be necessary for locations with excessive ranges in temperature. Security of vehicle support required for periods of standby without crew in attendance. Fuel supply and maintenance support must be available. Decontamination supplies and support required for responses to incidents with potential threat to responding services or transport of infectious patients. 					

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RESOURCE: Ambulance Strike Team							
CATEGORY:		Health and Medical (ESF #8)			KIND:	Team	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
Team	Scope of Practice	Advanced Life Support	Advanced Life Support	Basic Life Support	Basic Life Support		
Personnel	Minimum number	2 staff (paramedic and EMT) transport per ambulance	2 staff (paramedic and EMT) per ambulance	2 staff (EMT and driver) per ambulance	2 personnel (1 EMT and 1 driver) per ambulance		
Personnel	See Note 1	Same as Type III	Non-HazMat response	Meets or exceeds standards as addressed by EPA, OSHA, and NFP 471, 472, 473, and 29 CFR 1910, 120 ETA 3-11 to work in HazMat Level B and specific threat conditions All immunized in accordance with CDC core adult immunizations and specific threat as appropriate			
Equipment	See Note 2	5 Type I Ambulances; Capable of transporting minimum of 10 litter patients total (2 per ambulance)	5 Type II Ambulances; Minimum capability of 10 litter patients	5 Type III Ambulances; Minimum capability of 10 litter patients	5 Type IV Ambulances; Minimum of 10 litter patients		
Personnel	Training See Note 3 See Note 4	ICS 300 HazMat FRO Course WMD Awareness Course 3 years of EMS experience					
Supply	Go-Pack See Note 5	X	X	X	X		

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MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
COMMENTS:	<p>An Ambulance Strike Team is a group of five ambulances of the same type with common communications and a leader. It provides an operational grouping of ambulances complete with supervisory element for organization command and control. The strike teams may be all ALS or all BLS.</p> <p>Support elements needed include fuel, security, resupply of medical supplies, and support for a minimum of 11 personnel (if 2 crew per ambulance) or 16 (if 3 crew per ambulance). Temperature control support may be required for medical supplies in some environments. Vehicle maintenance support required.</p> <p>Note 1: 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.</p> <p>Note 2: Emergency Medical Services team with equipment, supplies, and vehicle for patient transport (Type I-IV) and out-of-hospital emergency medical care.</p> <p>Note 3: Required training, ICS 100 and 200, Basic MCI Field Operations (8 hours).</p> <p>Note 4: Strike Team Leader – Ambulance Course (8 hours), 1 year leadership experience in a related field.</p> <p>Note 5: Equipment and supplies to meet minimum scope of practice (ALS or BLS). Equipment and supplies to meet minimum requirements of State agency that provides regulation.</p>						

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RESOURCE: Ambulance Task Force							
CATEGORY:		Health and Medical (ESF #8)			KIND:	Team	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
Personnel	Supervisor/ Leader See Note 1	1					
Vehicle	Ambulances See Note 2	Any combination of different types of ambulances assembled for an EMS mission, with common communications & a leader.					
Personnel	Training	ICS 100 and 200 Basic MCI Field Operations (8 hours) Task Force Leader-Ambulance Course (8 hours) One year Leadership experience in a related field					
COMMENTS:		Any combination of ambulances, within span of control, with common communications and a leader. This resource typing is used to distinguish between a Task Force of Ambulances and an Emergency Medical Task Force (any combination of resources). Note 1: Must have own vehicle with communications capabilities - both enroute and at scene - to all other units under the leader's supervision. Note 2: Emergency Medical Services team with equipment, supplies, and vehicle for patient transport (Type HV) and out-of-hospital emergency medical care.					



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MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
Personnel	Supervisor	1 Minimum qualifications: Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force Leader					
Equipment	Resources	Any combination of resources assembled for a medical mission, with common communications and a leader					
COMMENTS:		Emergency Medical Task Force: Any combination (within span of control) of resources (e.g., Ambulances, Rescues, Engines, Squads) assembled for a medical mission, with common communications and a leader (supervisor). Self-sufficient for 12-hour operational periods, although may be deployed longer, depending on need. Support elements needed include fuel, security, resupply of medical supplies, and support for a minimum of 11 personnel (depending on staffing of individual units). Temperature control support may be required for medical supplies in some environments. Vehicle maintenance support required.					