



Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System
Emergency Management

SAFETY OFFICER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Safety Officer assesses safety hazards and works to ensure personnel safety during incident operations.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource 2. Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 3. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days 4. Requestor may specify any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs

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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Develops and implements a transition plan based on escalating incident complexity	The Safety Officer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitors and assesses safety hazards 2. Develops measures for ensuring personnel safety 3. Inspects facilities for safety hazards 4. Participates in developing the Incident Action Plan (IAP) regarding safety implications 5. Provides safety briefings and distributes safety messages 6. Monitors incident operations and advises the Incident Commander (IC) or center director on 	Not Applicable	Not Specified



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			<p>all matters relating to the health and safety of emergency response personnel</p> <p>7. Stops and prevents unsafe actions during incident operations</p>		
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Specified
TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: E/L 0981: Advanced Disaster Safety Officer, or equivalent	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction E/L 0954: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Safety Officer Course Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health 	Not Applicable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For Type 2, recommend National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) S-420: Command and General Staff training or equivalent team training. For Type 1, recommend NWCG S-520: Advanced Incident Management training or equivalent team training. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.



COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
			Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 9. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 10. USFA 0305: Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team Course		
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1. Satisfactory performance as a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 Safety Officer 2. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Type 1 Safety Officer, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 2 Safety Officer, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Satisfactory performance as a NIMS Type 3 Safety Officer 3. Satisfactory performance as Strike Team Leader OR Task Force Leader, or supervisory experience equivalent to a Task Force Leader or Strike Team Leader	1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 3 Safety Officer, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Experience in emergency management in a leadership position	Not Applicable	Not Specified
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time	Not Applicable	Not Specified
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years	Not Applicable	Not Specified



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PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Specified



COMMENTS

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, Position Task Book for Safety Officer
2. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), pending publication
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. FEMA, Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), October 2010
6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
7. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted