



Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System
Emergency Management

SITUATION UNIT LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Situation Unit Leader collects, processes, and organizes ongoing situation information
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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Situation Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collects, processes, and organizes ongoing situation information 2. Prepares situation summaries 3. Prepares graphical and numerical projections and displays incident information relating to movement, growth, mitigation, or intelligence activities 4. Projects and forecasts changes to provide and maintain a common operating picture 5. Prepares maps 6. Gathers and disseminates information and intelligence for the Incident Action Plan (IAP) 7. Prepares for and participates in planning meetings providing up-to-date situational awareness and incident status 8. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Planning Section 9. Configures unit with personnel to support operations 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
TRAINING	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 6. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview 7. E/L 0964: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader Course, or equivalent 8. G0191: ICS/EOC Interface 9. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 10. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 Part 1910.134 Respiratory Protection 	Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.
EXPERIENCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Situation Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Gathering, updating, and applying situational information to make informed strategic decisions and to exchange relevant information 3. Experience in emergency management in a support staff position 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time	Not Specified
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, Position Task Book for Situation Unit Leader
2. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System, 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