# MOBILE FIELD FORCE

## DESCRIPTION
The Mobile Field Force (MFF) is a mobile team capable of providing a fast and effective platoon- or squad-size tactical force for a wide variety of policing functions and missions.

## RESOURCE CATEGORY
Law Enforcement

## RESOURCE KIND
Team

## OVERALL FUNCTION
The MFF is a pre-designated team that:

1. Provides crowd management and crowd control, including:
   a. Saturation patrols
   b. Area search
   c. Perimeter control
   d. Staffing for traffic control points
   e. Security at critical facilities
   f. Demonstrator and protestor escort
   g. Protective front-line formations
2. Maintains order and preserves the peace
3. Arrests law violators
4. Promotes traffic safety and enforces vehicle and traffic laws
5. Provides support for:
   a. All-hazards risks and events
   b. Natural disasters
   c. Fires
   d. Terrorist incidents
   e. Crime scene protection

## COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS
1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, communications, and meals, prior to deployment
2. This team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 7 days
3. Discuss arrangements related to arrest authority, such as deputation, before deployment
4. Requestor and provider discuss arrest and prisoner control process
5. Requestor orders a medic and ambulance separately, if necessary
6. Requestor and provider discuss communications system requirements, such as 800 MHz requirements or need for secure channels
7. Discuss use of chemical agents and munitions, and less-lethal munitions
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.

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<td>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
<td>57</td>
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<td>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
<td>Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 – National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 – Mobile Field Force Supervisor 2 – NIMS Type 1 Mobile Field Force Supervisor</td>
<td>1 – NIMS Type 1 Mobile Field Force Leader 2 – NIMS Type 1 Mobile Field Force Supervisor</td>
<td>In a Type 1 MFF, one of the three MFF Supervisors may act as deputy MFF Leader.</td>
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<td>SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
<td>Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 – Logistics specialist 23 – NIMS Type 1 Mobile Field Force Officer 1 – Logistics specialist</td>
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<td>1. Each MFF may include one or more qualified rifle officers and chemical agent or munitions deployment officers. 2. The logistics specialist is not a NIMS typed position.</td>
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<td>ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>Same as Type 2</td>
<td>1. Cameras, still image and video 2. Bullhorn</td>
<td>The type and number of cameras and bullhorns should be part of ordering specifications discussions.</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>Same as Type 2, PLUS: 30 – Short-range, two-way portable radio 30 – Cell phone</td>
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<td>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>Same as Type 2, PLUS: 7 – Emergency law enforcement patrol vehicle 1 – Prisoner transport vehicle</td>
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<td>Consider alternate forms of communications, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.</td>
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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mobile Field Force Leader, pending publication
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mobile Field Force Supervisor, pending publication
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mobile Field Force Officer, pending publication