

Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System
Emergency Management

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM SECTION CHIEF

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Section Chief is a volunteer who is responsible for a specific functional area within the CERT
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 3. Requestor specifies additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs 4. This position can be deployed outside the home jurisdiction

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 CERT Section Chief is a volunteer who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is trained to perform the duties of an Incident Command System (ICS) command function for the CERT during a CERT response 2. Is responsible for a specific functional area within the CERT, such as Operations, Planning/Intelligence, or Logistics 3. Assigns activities and accounts for team volunteers within the functional area 4. Is trained according to standard operating procedures that the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) has developed 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-244: Developing and Managing Volunteers 4. IS-288: The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management 5. IS-315: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS) 6. IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team 7. IS-505: Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster 8. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 	Any additional training beyond Basic Cert is supplemental.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9. IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management10. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction11. CERT Basic Training12. Specific section training, as the AHJ determines	
EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Understanding of the functions of a Section Chief2. Understanding of the functions of the assigned functional area: <p>Experience:</p> <p>Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) CERT Section Chief, or equivalent AHJ documentation</p>	The AHJ documents and validates knowledge, skills, and abilities.
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Arduous2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) immunization recommendations	NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines physical/medical fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years2. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. This document contains references to non-Federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-Federal resource or material provides.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Community Emergency Response Team Section Chief
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
5. FEMA, CERT Basic Training Participant Manual, latest edition adopted
6. FEMA, Emergency Response Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), latest edition adopted
7. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications, PMS 310-1, latest edition adopted