



Coffee Break Training - Emergency Medical Services

EMS Resource Type Definitions

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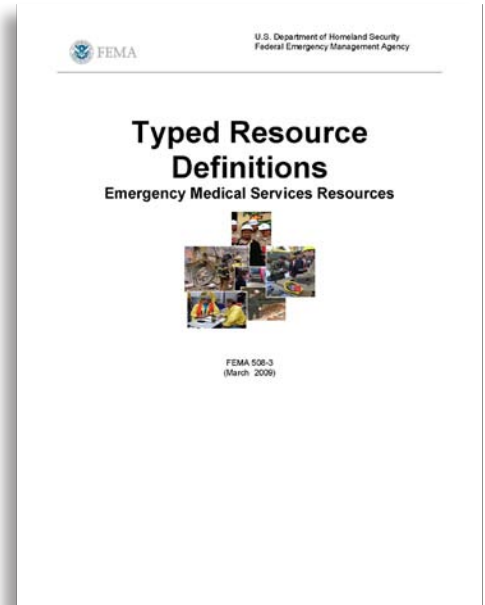
Learning Objective: The student shall define EMS resources in accordance with National Incident Management System (NIMS) standards.

Resource typing is one of the five components of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Resource typing is the categorization and description of response resources that are commonly exchanged in disasters through mutual-aid agreements. By using standardized typing and terminology for all incidents and events, smoother interoperability will exist for multiagency/multijurisdiction incidents and events.

The National Integration Center (NIC) has developed and published over 120 resource typing definitions. Resource typing definitions can give emergency responders the information they need to make sure they request and receive the appropriate resources during an emergency or disaster. Ordering resources that have been typed using these definitions makes the resource request and dispatch process more accurate and efficient.

The currently-typed (March 2009) emergency medical services (EMS) resources include Air Ambulance (Fixed-Wing), Air Ambulance (Rotary-Wing), Ambulances (Ground), Ambulance Strike Team, Ambulance Task Force, Emergency Medical Task Force, Mass-Casualty Support Vehicle, and Multipatient Medical Transport (MPMT) vehicle.

An example of a typed resource definition is (Full typing definition can be found in the Typed Resource Definitions–EMS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 508-3, March 2009.)



Typed Resource Definitions–EMS/FEMA 508-3 March 2009

Ambulance (Ground)

| | Type I | Type II | Type III | Type IV |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Level of Care | Advanced Life Support | Advanced Life Support | Basic Life Support | Basic Life Support |
| Personnel | 1 advanced life support (ALS) practitioner and 1 emergency medical technician (EMT) with Hazmat Operations capability | 1 ALS practitioner and 1 EMT | 1 EMT and 1 emergency medical responder (EMR) with Hazmat Operations capability | 1 EMT and 1 EMR |
| Capability | 2 litter patients | 2 litter patients | 2 litter patients | 2 litter patients |

The NIC is continuously updating resource type definitions. For current details, see the FEMA NIMS Resource Center at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ResourceMngmnt.shtm