

# AMR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) QUALIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS

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## Credential Verification - Emergency Response Team (ERT)

In order to participate in AMR Emergency Response Team (ERT) deployments, the applicant must be able to currently function legally within their state of origin at their state-approved level of certification.

These documents are required for ERT membership as a caregiver. The table below provides a list of the names of these documents as well as the minimum acceptable criteria for their verification.

All copies must be clear and legible.

Certification	Verification
Driver's License	Each state issues individual Driver's Licenses. Some states require certain endorsements to legally drive an ambulance. If required, these endorsements must be present on the license. Assure that the license is current and all information on the license is legible. Some states offer online searchable databases as a resource to further assure validity.
State EMS Certification	A clear legible copy of a state issued wallet card (front & back) or certificate is acceptable. Assure that the document is valid by checking the expiration date in addition to any resources provided by the issuing department or agency.
Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)	A legible copy of an EVOC completion certificate or an equivalent is acceptable. Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator-Ambulance (CEVO) as well as Defensive Drive 4 (DDC4) is an accepted equivalent.
Hazmat "Awareness Level" training	A course completion certificate that specifically states Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) "Awareness Level" training. Equivalent to OSHA 1910.120(q)(6)(i) or EPA 40 CFR 311. AMR Employees should receive this training during orientation via the HAZMAT CD course. The course completion certificate for NIMS course IS 0005.a and that from the Hazmat Awareness course from the University of Michigan at <a href="http://www.saferesponse.com">www.saferesponse.com</a> is acceptable. If a completion certificate is not available, written verification by an AMR Supervisor, HR, or CES Representative is acceptable.
Hepatitis B Vaccination	A copy of documentation that the series has been completed or a copy of a signed declination waiver of liability is acceptable. If this documentation is not available then written verification that the documentation is on file along with its location from an AMR Supervisor, HR, or CES Representative is also acceptable.
Independent Study Courses	A copy of the course completion certificate or a copy of official DHS email notice of successful completion. Course completion certificates that are generated by the Ninth Brain Suite are Not Acceptable. Courses can be obtained through FEMA EMI at: <a href="http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp">http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp</a>
IS-100.b	Introduction to Incident Command System (earlier versions accepted)
IS-200.b	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents ( <i>recommended but not required</i> ) ( <i>earlier versions accepted</i> )
IS-700.a	National Incident Management System, an Introduction (earlier versions accepted)
IS-800.b or c. (recommended)	National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction

Any questions should be directed to the ERT Office, ph: 877-567-4466, fax: 800-216-1983, email: [OEM@amr.net](mailto:OEM@amr.net).

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The following minimum job qualifications and credentials are required by all EMS personnel who participate in the AMR Emergency Response Team & National Mutual Aid and Resource Management Initiative which supports the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This establishes a comprehensive, integrated national mutual aid and resource management system that provides the basis to type, order and track all (Federal, State and local) response assets. These categories and descriptions are commonly exchanged in disasters via mutual aid, by capacity and/or capability.

**EMS STRIKE TEAM:** 5 or less ground ambulances with a supervisor and common communications. The Strike Team is usually configured with 3 Advanced Life Support (ALS) and 2 Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances but may be configured purely ALS or BLS. Support elements include fuel, security, resupply of medical supplies, and support for 11 people per Strike Team. 12-hr. or 24-hr. shifts. 1 Strike Team Leader per 5 ambulances. The Strike Team Leader can be part of ambulance crew or separate.

**TASK FORCE:** Any combination (within span and control) of resources (ambulances, rescues, engines, squads, etc.) assembled for a medical mission, with common communications, and a separate leader (supervisor). AMR recommends 5 ambulance Strike Teams per Task Force. Support elements needed include fuel, vehicle maintenance, security, resupply of medical supplies, and support for a minimum of 11 personnel. Can be: A) Ambulance Task Force or B) Emergency Medical Task Force (combination of resources).

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT):** Leaders that comprise the AMR National Command Center (NATCOM) and the Forward Operating Base (FOB) including Command Staff, General Staff, Unit Leaders, Division/Group Supervisors, and Branch Directors.

AMR EMS Emergency Response Team Credential Matrix

	IS 100.b	IS 200.bi	IS 300 <sup>ii</sup>	IS 400 <sup>iii</sup>	IS 700.a <sup>iv</sup>	IS 703.a	IS 800.b or c.	Hazmat Awareness <sup>v</sup>	Hazmat Operations <sup>vi</sup>	Active EMS Involvement	State Certified at Level <sup>vii</sup>	Physical & Medical Fitness <sup>viii</sup>	Hepatitis B Immunizations <sup>ix</sup>	Minimum Experience
EMT-Basic	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
EMT-Advanced	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Emergency Medical Responder	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Paramedic	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Advanced Practice Paramedic	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Critical Care Paramedic	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Air Medical Transport Paramedic	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	2 years of Emergency and Critical Care Paramedic
Dispatch & Communications	✓				✓		✓				✓			
Strike Team Leader	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	1 yr. leadership
Task Force Leader	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	1 yr. leadership
Incident Management Team	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							Prior experience on ICS General or Command Staff
Registered Nurse	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	

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Nurse Practitioner	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	
Registered Nurse Advanced Practice	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	
Critical Care Registered Nurse	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	
Physician	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	

Other

### Qualifications:

**Driving Requirements:** Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), or Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO), or Defensive Driving Course IV (DDC4), or equivalent and valid state drivers license is **required** for the operation of Emergency Response Network resource vehicles.

**Self-Sufficiency:** Contingent to the scope and location of the disaster or deployment ERT members are **required** to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours.

**Leadership Qualifications:** In addition to meeting all above criteria: Field Supervisors, Assistant Field Supervisors, Clinical Education Specialists and Field Training Officers, once approved by the OEM, may qualify to be **Strike Team Leaders**. Field Supervisors, Assistant Field Supervisors, and Clinical Education Specialists, once approved by the OEM, may qualify to be **Task Force Leaders**. **Incident Management Team** members are appointed by the Chief of Emergency Management and the VP of Emergency Management.

**Available NIMS Courses:** IS 100.b – Introduction to Incident Command (≈ 2-3 hrs. online); IS 200.b – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (≈ 3-4 hrs. online); IS 300 – Intermediate Incident Command (≈ 16 hrs. classroom); IS 400 Advanced Incident Command (≈ 22 hrs classroom); IS 700.a – NIMS Introduction (≈ 1.5-3 hrs. online); IS 703.a – NIMS Resource Management (≈ 3-4 hrs. online); IS 800.b - National Response Framework (≈ 2-3.5 hrs. online)

**NOTE:** If you have taken earlier versions of courses IS-100, IS-200 and IS-700, you are encouraged to take the newer 100.b, 200.b and 700.a versions, but it is not required. IS-800 and IS-800.a are no longer recognized, you must have IS 800.b or 800.c (recommended) to participate in a deployment.

### Endnotes:

<sup>i</sup> IS-200.b is **recommended** for EMT, EMT-Advanced, Paramedic, and EMR by the FEMA National Emergency Responder Credentialing System.

<sup>ii</sup> IS-300 is **required** for Strike Team Leaders, Task Force Leaders, and Incident Management Team Members. IS-300 is required training for persons serving as command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and multi-agency coordination system/ emergency operations center staff for NIMS compliance.

<sup>iii</sup> IS-400 is **required** for Incident Management Team Members. IS-400 is required training for command and general ICS staff, select department heads, area commanders, emergency managers, multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center managers.

<sup>iv</sup> IS-700.a is **required** by FEMA National Emergency Responder Credentialing System.

<sup>v</sup> Hazmat First Responder Awareness Level Training equivalent to OSHA 1910.120(q)(6)(i) or EPA 40 CFR 311

<sup>vi</sup> Hazmat First Responder Operations (FRO) Level. Meets or exceeds standards as addressed by OSHA 1910.120(q)(6)(ii), and NFPA 472 to work in Hazmat Level B and specific threat conditions.

<sup>vii</sup> All 50 states have state-approved EMT, EMT-Advanced, Paramedic, and EMR training programs that equals or exceeds the behavioral objectives of NHTSA National Standard Curriculum for EMT, EMT-Advanced, Paramedic, and EMR. Thus any EMT, EMT-Advanced, Paramedic, or EMR who is state-certified or NREMT certified is presumed to have met this minimum qualification.

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viii Must be healthy enough to function under field condition which may include all or some of the following: 12-hour shifts, austere conditions (possibly no showers, housing in tents, portable toilets); Extreme weather conditions (long exposure to heat and humidity, lack of air conditioning, extreme cold, or wet environments); long periods of standing. • Individuals should not require personal medications that need refrigeration of any kind. • Individuals should not have any physical conditions, impairments, or restrictions that would preclude them from participating in the moving and lifting of patients and/or equipment and supplies.

ix. **Required:** Hepatitis B Vaccination. **Recommended:** Tetanus & diphtheria (Td) toxoid or Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap.). Receipt of primary series and booster within 10 years.

**Required:** A copy of documentation that the Hepatitis B series has been completed, or a copy of a signed declination waiver of liability is acceptable. If this documentation is not available, written verification that the documentation is on file with it's location from a Supervisor, HR Representative, or Clinical Education Specialist is also acceptable.