#### Position Qualification for Operational Communications Fire/Hazardous Materials

# **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR I/II**

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Fire/Hazardous Materials
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Public Safety Telecommunicator I/II manages the flow of incident-related information to and from field units or public safety resources, monitors status of field units, and assigns additional resources, as necessary
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol> <li>This position can be ordered as a single resource.</li> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> </ol>

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	A Public Safety Telecommunicator I/II prioritizes, initiates, and coordinates the response of public safety agencies, manages the flow of incident-related information to and from field units and/or public safety resources, monitors status of field units, and assigns additional resources, as requested	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following:  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-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction  4. NFPA 1061 or Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) equivalent  Completion of the following baseline criteria:  1. Public Safety Telecommunicator I/II courses or equivalent  2. Receiving Information  3. Processing Information  4. Disseminating Information  Recommended: First Responder, including AED and/or any additional training determined by the AHJ	Per NIMS compliance at the time of publication, ICS- and IS- training courses are listed. Equivalent courses must meet the NIMS National Standard Curriculum.
EXPERIENCE	Recommended: Two years of public safety dispatch (including fire incident) experience as determined by the AHJ	Where applicable, experience is measured from the time an individual receives necessary certifications.
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Moderate	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
CURRENCY	Not Specified	Not Specified



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PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Certification: NFPA 1061 or APCO equivalent  Recommended Certification: The AHJ determines recertification requirements, if any	Not Specified



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### **NOTES**

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

## **REFERENCES**

- FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
   FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS), November 2017