

Introduction

This resource typing guide is designed for use during local and regional incidents. This document compliments the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) document titled "Typed Resource Definitions" for various resource types. Although this guide adheres to NIMS resource typing wherever possible, some resources that are not FEMA-typed are classified regionally in this guide. In addition, the committee offers some deviations from NIMS for local mutual aid incidents where nationally definitions are unrealistic or not applicable. Those deviations are noted conspicuously in this document.

The FEMA guides used to define Tier I resources for this project included:

- FEMA 508-3, Emergency Medical Services Resources
- FEMA 508-4, Fire and Hazardous Materials Resources
- FEMA 508-8, Search and Rescue Resources

Typing Process

The following steps are provided to help departments type apparatus into their appropriate categories.

1. Identify the specific mission of the apparatus. Many apparatus are multi-purpose, however *most* still have a single basic mission. For example, a basic fire engine (pumper) has the basic mission of fire suppression, although it may serve as an emergency medical first response vehicle, carry extrication equipment and have a water tank large enough to be considered a tender. The mission of the apparatus will allow it to be classified for resource typing purposes. The classification categories of apparatus are provided below:

- a. Engines
- b. Ladders
- c. Tenders
- d. Dozers
- e. Plows
- f. Medical Response
- g. Boats
- h. Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)
- i. Support
- j. Hazardous Materials Response
- k. Rescue

2. Use the appropriate guide page, based on classification, to determine the typing of the unit.