



**Incident Command System  
Position Manual**

**RAPID EXTRACTION MODULE SUPPORT (REMS)  
CREW MEMBER JOB AID**

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This document contains information relative to the Incident Command System (ICS) component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This is the same Incident Command System developed by FIREScope.

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## INTRODUCTION

This position job aid was developed at the request of the FIREScope Board of Directors based on the need conveyed by fire service personnel across the state. The intent of this job aid is to provide a clear description of the role and duties pertinent to the position of the REMS Crew Member. The information and requirements provided in this job aid may conflict with out-of-state federal incident management team guidelines. This job aid was developed by the FIREScope REMS subcommittee that has broad representation from the California Fire Service.

The NWCG Standards for Rapid Extraction Module Support PMS 552 and FIREScope ICS 162-4 outlines the roles, duties, qualifications, and equipment pertinent to Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS). A REMS team, strategically stationed at wildland fires, plays a pivotal role in prioritizing swift access to injured or ill firefighters for safe and efficient egress off the fireline. This ensures their rapid transport to definitive medical care in cases of emergency during firefighting operations, highlighting the invaluable contribution of the REMS team to firefighter safety and well-being.

Given the inherent risks in wildland firefighting, safety is paramount during all operations. However, unforeseen incidents may lead to injury or illness among firefighters. The REMS team aims to swiftly transport incapacitated firefighters off the fireline, ensuring they receive timely and appropriate medical care.

While REMS does not aim to supplant ground or air transport options, adverse conditions such as heavy smoke inversion, inaccessible roads, or equipment malfunctions may limit these methods. However, the REMS team, equipped with resources to package and transport injured or ill personnel off the fireline to definitive medical care facilities, offers incident managers an alternative means to access and transport incapacitated firefighters promptly. This underscores the effectiveness of REMS in facilitating expedited and effective rescue operations, instilling confidence in its capabilities.

The NWCG Standards for Rapid Extraction Module Support PMS 552 and FIREScope ICS 162-4 stipulates minimum staffing levels for REMS teams. It underscores the necessity for flexibility to augment staffing based on the complexity of the rescue, ensuring that the primary focus remains on swiftly transporting individuals to definitive medical care, prioritizing their health and well-being.

This REMS Crew Member job aid will provide guidance on pre-deployment, deployment, and post deployment operations.

<b>PRE-DEPLOYMENT</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Operations/Branch/Division/Medical Unit Leader Briefing	Obtain operations/branch/division briefings from REMS Leader to understand the work assignments
Safety/Personal Protective Equipment	Ensure appropriate personal protective PPE is worn based on operational need/period
Communications	Ensure radio communication plan is updated for assignment and operational area
Mapping (Avenza or Equivalent)	Ensure operational/branch/division maps are updated for operational area
<b>DEPLOYMENT</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Truck Vehicle Operations	Safely operate trucks on the fire line in department approved wildland PPE
Utility Task Vehicle Operations	Safely operate UTV's on the fire line and wear approved PPE for utility task vehicles (helmet, eye protection, gloves, seat belts, and respiratory for dust - N95)
Assign REMS crew member responsibilities and positions	Identify REMS Leader, rigging, and rescuers
Recon	Recon Branch/Division assignment area for terrain familiarization (access routes/drop points)
Pre-Incident Planning	Perform rope rescue planning to build team continuity for Incident Within Incident (IWI)
Branch/Division Operational Awareness	Obtain situational awareness of where incident personnel will have the greatest risk of Incident Within Incident (IWI)

Rope Rescue Extraction Operations (Low and High Angle)	Develop rope rescue plans/PACE in conjunction with fire line supervision (Division Supervisor/Safety Officer). This includes capabilities, required logistical support, staging location, safety protocols for ground and air extractions
<b>POST DEPLOYMENT</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Medical Unit Leader Communication	Notify Medical Unit Leader on all Incident Within Incidents (IWI's) involving REMS team
After Action Review	Participate in After Action Review post Incident Within Incident (IWI) with direct supervision and/or IMT leadership

For more info, refer to the Rapid Extraction Module Support ICS 162-4, REMS Team Considerations, Pg. 8.