



ROSS Module Summary

Resource Item

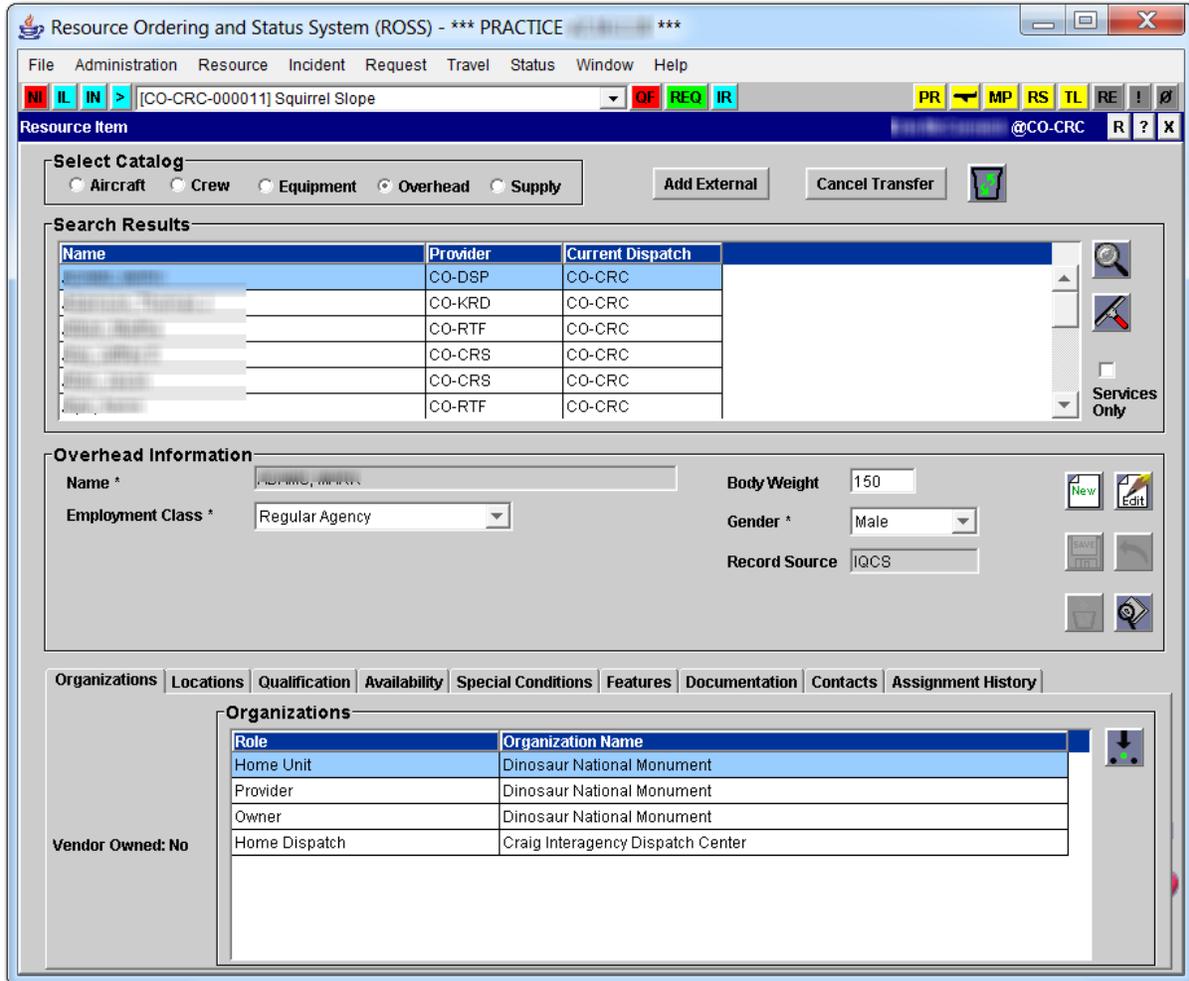


Figure 1. Resource Item screen

Description

Dispatch centers use the Resource Item module (Figure 1) to build the inventory of resources that they dispatch. The classifications, equipment type or qualifications of each resource are documented so that incident requests can be matched and filled with appropriate resources.

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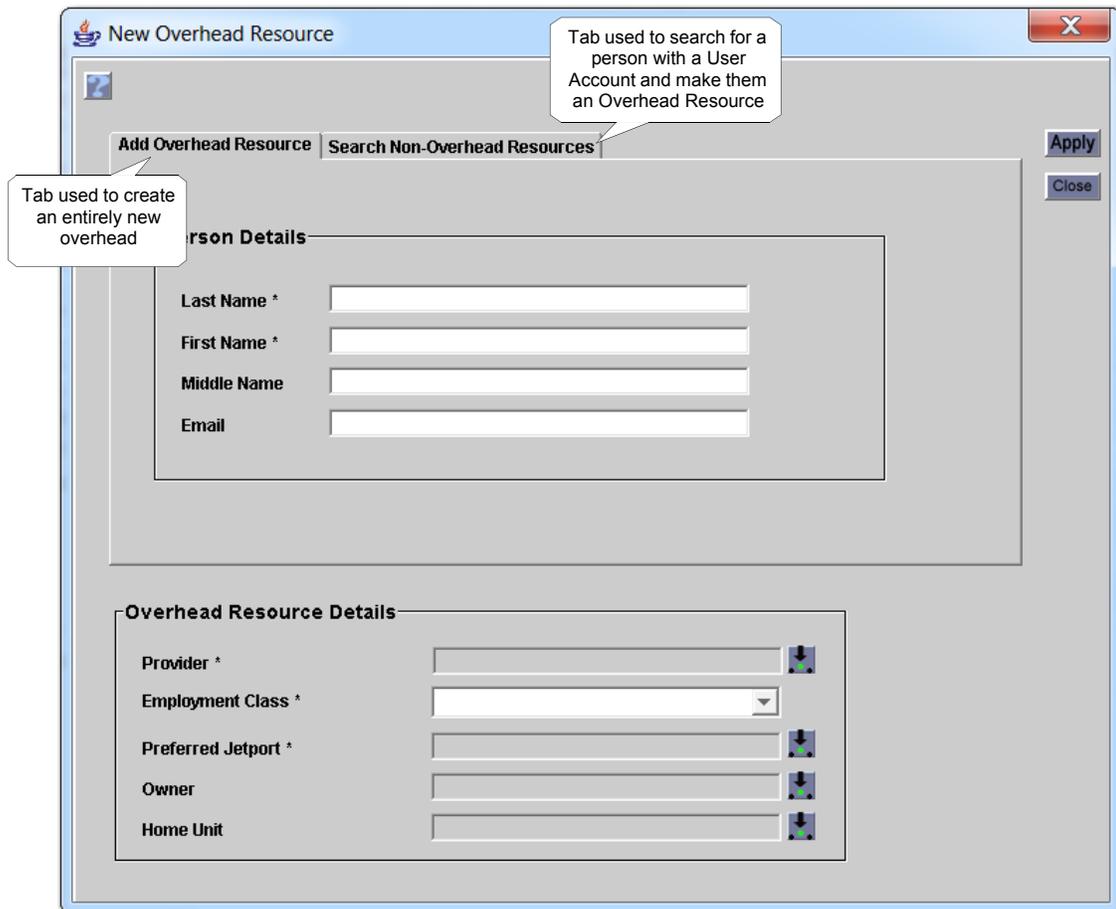


Figure 2. Add a New Overhead Resource dialog box

Dispatch centers create the resources, which they dispatch, within the appropriate catalog (Aircraft, Crew, Equipment, Overhead, and Supply). As shown in Figure 2, Overhead may be entered manually or their information may be imported from IQS, EQS, or IQCS. Resources are linked to the organizations that own and provide them as well as to their home dispatch center so that they may be efficiently tracked when assigned to an incident. The location of a resource, including preferred jetport for overhead and crews, may be specified.

Resources must either be classified (e.g., Type 1 Airtanker, Type 2 Dozer) or, in the case of Overhead, given qualifications. Activation/deactivation dates and planned periods of unavailability may be entered as well as features (e.g., winch and foam capability for an engine) and special conditions (e.g., number of vegetarians on a Crew).



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ROSS Data Managers at each dispatch center enter maintain the information in the Resource Item module. Qualifications Import Managers may periodically perform imports that populate Overhead information.

This module is closely related to the Tactical Aviation, Organization, Resource Status, User Accounts, Location, Import, Roster, and Contract modules. It is also related to New Request and Pending Request by way of the ROSS Catalog.

Data Information

Data Element	Data Definition
Catalog	A list of resource items grouped by Aircraft, Crews, Equipment, Overhead, and Supplies.
Add External <i>button</i>	Used to add external resource items to your inventory that were created from the Pending Requests screen.
Cancel Transfer <i>button</i>	Used when a transfer has been performed. Allows “old” center to review and take action on all resources transferred from their center where the transfer is not complete.
Managed Removed Resources <i>button</i>	Used to view or handle removed items. If the ‘Referenced’ column indicates ‘Yes’ the item may not be deleted until the associated incident(s) are closed and removed from the database at year end.
Resource Name	The name or call sign of an individual resource item (e.g., ENGINE - 42). <i>Required field.</i>
Employment Status	Choices are Emergency Firefighter, Regular Agency or Personal Service. <i>Required for Overhead.</i>
Fitness Rating	Used for Overhead. Choices are Arduous, Light, Moderate or Not Applicable.
Record Source	Used for Overhead. Source from which the information was entered. If entered manually, ROSS will appear. If imported, either IQCS, EQS, or IQS will appear.
National Resource <i>checkbox</i>	Used for Aircraft, Crews, Equipment and Supply.



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Record Manager <i>check box</i>	Used for Aircraft that hold a classification identified as tactical aircraft. Used to identify those tactical aircraft that do not have a permanent home dispatch, i.e., the record manager does not dispatch the aircraft.
Track Associated Requests <i>check box</i>	Used for Supply to track requests. Tracked requests must be released from incidents and require mob/demob travel. Untracked requests are considered Fill/Closed.
Remove Resource <i>button</i>	Used to remove resource items that are managed by a center. Removing an item prevents users from viewing and using it but does not physically delete it from ROSS.
View Resource Usage <i>button</i>	Displays references and aids users in determining the issues that are preventing an item from being removed.
Organizations <i>tab</i>	The home unit, provider, owner, and home dispatch of the resource item. Aircraft, crews, equipment, and supplies default to the logged-on dispatch organization. Home unit, provider, and owner for Overhead default to the provider in the User Accounts module.
Locations <i>tab</i>	A user-designated home location for the resource item. Options include organizations, airports, or locations created with the Location module. Defaults to the logged on dispatch organization. For crews and overhead, a field is provided to select a preferred jetport.
Qualification, Classification or Type <i>tab</i>	The approved functions or capabilities of the resource (e.g., Crew Boss, Type 6 Engine, Lead Plane)
Availability <i>tab</i>	The activation/deactivation dates for contracted or seasonal resources as well as planned periods of unavailability (e.g., mandatory day off, vacation), and maximum days of commitment for crews and overhead.
Special Conditions <i>tab</i>	Free-form type of any special conditions for the resource item.



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<i>Features tab</i>	List of items that can be selected to further describe a resource or its capabilities (e.g., bucket, longline, GPS antenna)
<i>Documentation tab</i>	Pertinent information or notes about a resource item that the user wishes to capture. ROSS automatically documents many user actions.
<i>Contacts tab</i>	Overhead resources only. The method used to reach the person. Methods include cell phone, e-mail, office phone, and home phone. More than one method may be added and a priority of either alternate, primary, or none must be selected for each method.