



Position Qualification for Fatality Management Services  
Medical and Public Health

## FATALITY MANAGEMENT HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COLLECTION SPECIALIST

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Fatality Management (FM) Human Remains Recovery Collection Specialist tags human remains, maintains the chain of custody, and places remains in the appropriate transportation vehicle
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, 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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Performs duties with decedents or within areas exposed to hazardous materials	The FM Human Remains Recovery Collection Specialist: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tags fragmented and whole human remains with field-assigned search and recovery numbers and morgue reference numbers (MRN), as necessary</li> <li>2. Moves remains into human remains pouches or other suitable human remains transportation containers or vehicles</li> <li>3. Uses proper lifting techniques with other specialists to move human remains from location of discovery to a designated human remains collection point for transport to the temporary morgue site</li> <li>4. Reports directly to the FM Human Remains Recovery Team Leader</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Same as Type 2	High school diploma or equivalent	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>TRAINING</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to 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. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Same as Type 2	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Intermediate computer skills, including database operations, tracking, and e-mail 2. Familiarity with evidence collection and chain of custody  Experience: 1. One year of investigative or operational experience within a medical examiner office, coroner system, mortuary or forensic services, or in an evidence processing capacity with a law enforcement agency 2. Experience in body processing and evidence handling	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Same as Type 2	1. Arduous 2. Performs duties with exposure to whole and fragmented human remains in various stages of decomposition 3. Performs duties with sights and smells associated with death, including seeing children as victims, grieving survivors, and family members of missing victims 4. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Same as Type 2	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified



## NOTES

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

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## REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Team Leader
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. Center for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted