



FATALITY MANAGEMENT FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Forensic Anthropologist helps to identify skeletal, decomposed, or unidentified human remains, and may also assist in determining age, sex, stature, and unique features of the deceased
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

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	<p>The FM Forensic Anthropologist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oversees the Anthropology function at the temporary morgue and may serve as lead for the Anthropology station 2. Coordinates with the Morgue Forensic Team Leader to determine anthropological requirements and the appropriate methods for examining and documenting findings 3. Determines whether remains are human 4. Provides a biological profile for human remains, including age-at-death, sex determination, estimated living stature, ancestry, unique features, pathologic conditions, bone trauma, medical interventions, or other conditions 5. Assists in the victim identification process through examination of human remains in a variety of conditions 6. Assists in the triage process with the initial documentation and sorting of fragmented or charred human remains located at the temporary morgue site 7. Conducts radiographic comparisons for the positive identification process or turns over information to forensic radiologists 8. Depending on assignment, reports directly to the Morgue Processing Unit Leader (morgue) or the FM Human Remains Recovery Team Leader (field) 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Postgraduate degree in Anthropology (Masters or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) 2. Additional education and training in the health sciences (such as anatomy, human biology, physiology) 	Not Specified



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TRAINING	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: Annual Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency. 2. Familiarity with evidence collection and handling 3. Familiarity with chain of custody Experience: Two years of experience providing forensic anthropology services to a medical examiner office, coroner system, forensic laboratory, or law enforcement agency	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	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.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



NOTES

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

REFERENCES

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