

FATALITY MANAGEMENT FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Forensic Pathologist is specially trained physicians who examines the bodies of people who have died suddenly, unexpectedly, or violently to determine the cause and the manner of death
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Performs duties with decedents or within areas exposed to hazardous materials	The FM Forensic Pathologist: 1. Serves as a Lead for Pathology or Triage Stations, as necessary 2. Oversees the forensic pathology function and assists in the admitting process with the identification of human remains and fragmented human remains 3. Assists with the forensic identification process by the preservation of sufficient evidence for later identification 4. Performs a triage process with the initial documentation and sorting of human remains at the temporary morgue site 5. Establishes guidelines in conjunction with the FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader for pathology procedures 6. Coordinates documentation, photography, and removal of personal effects from remains with the FM Personal Effects Specialist, FM Forensic Photographer, and FM Human Remains Recovery Documentation Specialist, as appropriate 7. Documents the extent of injuries and anatomic findings to assist in establishing the decedent's cause of death and identification by close examination of remains 8. Performs triage functions by determining which morgue processing stations shall be used for the remains 9. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2	Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), with specialty in Forensic Pathology	Not Specified
TRAINING	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 the 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
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency 2. Familiarity with evidence preservation and chain of custody Experience: Two years of forensic pathology experience within a medical examiner office, coroner system, forensic laboratory, or law enforcement agency	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	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.
CURRENCY	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



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2	1. Active status of legal authority to function as a forensic pathologist from a State, the District of Columbia, or US Territory 2. The American Board of Pathology or The American Osteopathic Board of Pathology board certified	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: Fatality Management Personal Effects Specialist
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Forensic Photographer
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Documentation Specialist
6. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
7. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
8. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
9. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
10. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
11. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
12. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted