

FATALITY MANAGEMENT MORGUE FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Morgue Forensic Odontologist oversees the morgue forensic dentistry function and serves as lead for the station
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 Morgue Forensic Odontologist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assists in the victim identification process by determining the dental characteristics of human remains for comparison with ante mortem dental records 2. Coordinates with the FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader to determine dental radiographic requirements and the appropriate methods for printing and displaying captured digital images 3. Performs postmortem dental examinations 4. Digitizes radiographs and other images for computer graphical comparison using digital x-ray software 5. Maintains and examines dental records, charts, and radiographs created during morgue operations 6. Computerizes postmortem dental information 7. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of post-graduate education in an accredited dental school program 2. Post-graduate training in forensic dentistry OR two years of experience with a medical-examiner coroner 	A Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) degree from an U.S. Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited school. Though not mandatory, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) affiliated American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) serves as the credentialing body for dentists who have satisfied experience and training requirements to sit for the ABFO examination.
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: Annual Bloodborne Pathogens 	Not Specified

Position Qualification for Fatality Management Services
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EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proficiency in the use of digital image editing software 2. Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency <p>Experience:</p> <p>Two years of forensic dental identification experience, which may include using postmortem dental software within a medical examiner office, coroner system, forensic laboratory, or law enforcement agency</p>	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Active status of legal authority to function as a licensed dentist without restrictions from a state, the District of Columbia, or US Territory	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 Dental Assistant
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Forensic 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