

FATALITY MANAGEMENT FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Forensic Photographer records the initial appearance of a potential crime scene and physical evidence in order to provide a permanent record of the event
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 Human Remains Recovery Team). 2. This position can be ordered with a NIMS typed unit (Morgue Processing Unit). 3. 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	<p>The FM Forensic Photographer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serves as Lead for Forensic Photography station staff 2. Maintains still photography documentation of recovery sites, medical specimens, personal effects, postmortem examinations, and other medical procedures for diagnostic and legal purposes 3. Coordinates with the Morgue Processing Unit Leader to determine photographic requirements and the equipment (digital) and lighting necessary to capture the desired images 4. Carries out precision processing operations to generate high quality digital images or photographs 5. Ensures the recovery site number and morgue reference number (MRN) appear in every photograph taken 6. Maintains an accurate numbering system for each set of digital images 7. Provides security of each set of digital images 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	Same as Type 2	High school diploma or equivalent	Not Specified

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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 database operations, tracking, and e-mail 2. Knowledge of photographic equipment 3. Knowledge of MRNs Experience: Two years of operational experience as a photographer in a medical examiner office, coroner system, or forensic unit of a 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 immunization schedule	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	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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

REFERENCES

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