



Position Qualification for Fatality Management Services
Medical and Public Health

FATALITY MANAGEMENT PERSONAL EFFECTS SPECIALIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Personal Effects Specialist coordinates with the FM Morgue Processing Unit Leader to determine documentation, packaging, and transfer-to-storage requirements for personal effects recovered from human remains during morgue processing
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. This position can be ordered with a NIMS typed unit (Fatality Management 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	The FM Personal Effects Specialist: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinates with stations processing human remains to ensure collection of all personal effects found on, near, or determined to be related to the decedent 2. Maintains log of items collected for each morgue reference number (MRN) 3. Serves as the personal effects custodian and ensures compliance with the chain of custody for the eventual disposition to next of kin (NOK) or law enforcement 4. Cleans and sanitizes personal effects, as appropriate 5. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Processing Unit Leader 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
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), 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 NOK and property laws Experience: Two years of property handling experience within a medical examiner office, coroner system, or in an evidence processing capacity with 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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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Morgue Processing Unit
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Processing Unit Leader
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. Centers 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 Protections, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted