

## FATALITY MANAGEMENT FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	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
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> </ol>

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

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness</li> <li>6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection</li> <li>7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Annual Bloodborne Pathogens</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency.</li> <li>2. Familiarity with evidence collection and handling</li> <li>3. Familiarity with chain of custody</li> </ol> <p>Experience:</p> <p>Two years of experience providing forensic anthropology services to a medical examiner office, coroner system, forensic laboratory, or law enforcement agency</p>	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time</li> <li>2. Performs duties with exposure to whole and fragmented human remains in various stages of decomposition</li> <li>3. Performs duties with sights and smells associated with death, including seeing children as victims, grieving survivors, and family members of missing victims</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified

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Position Qualification for Fatality Management Services  
Medical and Public Health

## 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. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
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 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

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