

FATALITY MANAGEMENT EMBALMING AND CASKETING MORTUARY SPECIALIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Embalming and Casketing Mortuary Specialist coordinates with the Morgue Processing Unit Leader, Medical Examiner, or Coroner to set up and determine embalming requirements and the appropriate methods for embalming human remains
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 security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 4. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days

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 Embalming and Casketing Mortuary Specialist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manages the embalming-casketing staff 2. Coordinates with the Morgue Processing Unit Leader, Medical Examiner, or Coroner to set up and determine embalming requirements and the appropriate methods for embalming human remains 3. Orders sufficient supply of embalming and casketing equipment and supplies 4. Coordinates with state and local funeral directors for assistance through the Medical Examiner or Coroner, if necessary 5. Exercises the application of specialized techniques for pre-embalming, embalming, and post-embalming processes such as reconstructive cosmetology, where appropriate, to enhance view-ability 6. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Processing Unit Leader 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Completion of post-secondary educational requirements for certification and to function as a licensed Embalmer	Educational instruction for an Embalmer may vary by state or territory.
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 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

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency</p> <p>Experience: Two years of embalming experience, not including apprenticeship</p>	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 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 	Not Specified
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Active license, registration, certification, or other regulatory status by the legal authority having jurisdiction to function as an Embalmer from a state, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory	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 Processing Unit
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Processing Unit Leader
3. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

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