

## FATALITY MANAGEMENT FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	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
<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 Human Remains Recovery Team).</li> <li>2. This position can be ordered with a NIMS typed unit (Morgue Processing Unit).</li> <li>3. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>4. 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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	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"> <li>1. Serves as Lead for Forensic Photography station staff</li> <li>2. Maintains still photography documentation of recovery sites, medical specimens, personal effects, postmortem examinations, and other medical procedures for diagnostic and legal purposes</li> <li>3. Coordinates with the Morgue Processing Unit Leader to determine photographic requirements and the equipment (digital) and lighting necessary to capture the desired images</li> <li>4. Carries out precision processing operations to generate high quality digital images or photographs</li> <li>5. Ensures the recovery site number and morgue reference number (MRN) appear in every photograph taken</li> <li>6. Maintains an accurate numbering system for each set of digital images</li> <li>7. Provides security of each set of digital images</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>	Same as Type 2	High school diploma or equivalent	Not Specified

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>TRAINING</b>	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: 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
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	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
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Same as Type 2	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

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Same as Type 2	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	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 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. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
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 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
10. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

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