

FATALITY MANAGEMENT HUMAN REMAINS STORAGE AND RELEASE SPECIALIST

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| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Medical and Public Health |
| RESOURCE KIND | Personnel |
| OVERALL FUNCTION | The Fatality Management (FM) Human Remains Storage and Release Specialist is responsible for storing, protecting, and preserving the human remains for subsequent examination, identification, and release of the deceased to the family |
| 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 | TYPE 1 | TYPE 2 | NOTES |
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| DESCRIPTION | Same as Type 2, PLUS: Performs duties with decedents or within areas exposed to hazardous materials | <p>The FM Human Remains Storage and Release Specialist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives and logs human remains transported from the disaster site 2. Stores human remains in refrigerated units until release for processing through the morgue 3. Serves as Lead overseeing the receipt and storage of human remains received from the disaster site and upon completion of temporary morgue processing 4. Coordinates with the FM Morgue Processing Unit Leader, Medical Examiner, or Coroner to determine human remains storage requirements and the appropriate methods for documentation and storage of human remains 5. Ensures maintenance of all logs and forms for received and released human remains 6. Maintains security and control over human remains from time of receipt until release to designated funeral service provider or other designee 7. Ensures a sufficient supply of refrigerated units through coordination with FM Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) Leader 8. Ensures systematic release of human remains, with proper records in accordance with the Medical Examiner's or Coroner's designated procedures 9. Reports directly to the FM Morgue Processing Unit Leader | Not Specified |

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| COMPONENT | TYPE 1 | TYPE 2 | NOTES |
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| EDUCATION | Same as Type 2 | Completion of course work related to mortuary science or forensic field of study | Not Specified |
| 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: 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 |
| EXPERIENCE | Same as Type 2 | Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Knowledge of next of kin (NOK) laws, body storage, and deceased body release laws Experience: Two years of experience in investigative or body handling experience within a medical examiner office or coroner system, or three years of experience in the funeral services industry | Not Specified |
| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS | 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 Prevention's recommended immunization schedule | Not Specified |

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| CURRENCY | Same as Type 2 | 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 | Same as Type 2 | With only funeral service experience, licensed as a Funeral Director or Cemetery Operator | 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. 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 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, 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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