

FATALITY MANAGEMENT HUMAN REMAINS STORAGE AND RELEASE SPECIALIST

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 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	<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
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: 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: 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. 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 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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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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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 NQS, 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

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