

FATALITY MANAGEMENT HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY TEAM

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| DESCRIPTION | The Fatality Management (FM) Human Remains Recovery Team is a multi-disciplinary team that provides management and support of field operations for the recovery and collection of human remains, under the medico-legal authority of the Medical Examiner or Coroner. | | |
| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Medical and Public Health | RESOURCE KIND | Team |
| OVERALL FUNCTION | The FM Human Remains Recovery Team: 1. Locates human remains 2. Documents human remains 3. Transports human remains to morgue facility or the Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) 4. Works with Urban Search and Rescue and debris removal teams to remove remains | COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS | 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals prior to deployment 2. This team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days 3. Requestor may order additional teams based on complexity of the cause of death, the geographic scale and scope, and the number of victims 4. Order decontamination capabilities separately 5. Order canine teams separately, as necessary 6. The on-scene DPMU equipment and supply cache is self-sufficient for 72 hours of processing operations 7. Requestor provides vehicle and driver for human remains transportation on site 8. Discuss personal protective equipment (PPE) and decontamination capabilities prior to deployment |

| RESOURCE TYPES | | | TYPE 1 | TYPE 2 | NO TYPE 3 | NO TYPE 4 |
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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Minimum | 10 | 10 | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Management and Oversight | 1 - NIMS Type 1 FM Human Remains Recovery Team Leader | 1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 FM Human Remains Recovery Team Leader | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |

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| Personnel | Per Team | Operations and Support | 6 - NIMS Type 1 FM Human Remains Recovery Collections Specialist 1 - NIMS Type 1 FM Human Remains Recovery Documentation Specialist 1 - NIMS Type 1 FM Forensic Photographer 1 - NIMS Type 1 FM Human Remains Recovery Transportation Staging Specialist | 6 - NIMS Type 2 FM Human Remains Recovery Collections Specialist 1 - NIMS Type 2 FM Human Remains Recovery Documentation Specialist 1 - NIMS Type 2 FM Forensic Photographer 1 - NIMS Type 2 FM Human Remains Recovery Transportation Staging Specialist | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |
| Capability | Per Team | Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Repsonse | Hazmat capable | Not Specified | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |
| Equipment | Per Team Member | PPE | Hazmat PPE, as applicable, such as: 1. Full-face or half-mask, air purifying respirators 2. Hooded chemical-resistant clothing 3. Coveralls 4. Chemical-resistant gloves 5. Boots 6. Boot-covers 7. Hard hat 8. Face shield 9. Chemical tape 10. Chemical filters specific to the event | PPE is mission-specific and may include: 1. Non-porous protective outerwear 2. Respirators 3. Eye protection 4. Disposable gloves 5. Protective footwear | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: The following standards address PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response; OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection; OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens. | | | |

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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Equipment | Per Team Member | Communications | Same as Type 2 | 1. Two-way portable radio 2. Cellular phone | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs. | | | |
| Equipment | Per Team | Electronics | Same as Type 2 | 4 - Laptops, tablets, or mobile devices with associated software | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Software includes spreadsheets, databases, and FM specific applications. | | | |
| Supplies | Per Team | Data Collection | Same as Type 2 | 1. Tracking forms 2. Inventory control checklists | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |

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COMMENTS

1. Medico-legal refers to any death that requires official medical examiner or coroner investigation
2. Recovery rate is heavily dependent upon nature of incident (such as whole vs. fragmented human remains) and initial search and flagging efforts by local authorities
3. Certain circumstances such as extreme flooding and tidal surge or earthquake may cause interred human remains to become disinterred or scattered. Technical expertise of anthropologists and funeral directors will be particularly important in such incidents

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Disaster Portable Morgue Unit
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Advance Team
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Forensic Photographer
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Documentation Specialist
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Collection Specialist
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Recovery Unit Leader
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Human Remains Transportation Staging Specialist
8. Center for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
9. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
10. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
11. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
12. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

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