

FATALITY MANAGEMENT MORGUE FORENSIC TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Morgue Forensic Team processes and assists in the identification of human remains in a temporary site during a mass fatality event, under the medico-legal authority of the Medical Examiner or Coroner.		
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health	RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The FM Morgue Forensic Team processes human remains through the following stations staffed by appropriate specialists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pathologist <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Autopsy Technician b. Radiology Technician Specialist 2. Anthropologist 3. Odontologist <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Morgue Dental Assistant 4. Fingerprint Specialist 5. DNA Collection Specialist 	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 for up to 14 days 3. Requestor can order additional units based on complexity of the cause of death, the geographic scale and scope, and the number of victims 4. The Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) cache is available at the temporary morgue site and is self-sufficient for 72 hours of processing operations 5. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is mission-specific and requestor should specify during ordering 6. This team will bring supplies, including biohazard disposal bags and labels, recovery containers, and penlights; requestor should consider whether additional specialized supplies or equipment may be necessary, depending on the needs of the specific operation 7. Requestor can order a Morgue Forensic Team Leader, Forensic Pathologist, Autopsy Technician, and Radiology Specialist with Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) capabilities, if necessary

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	NO TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	24	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Management and Oversight	2 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			

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COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Operations and Support	4 - NIMS Type 2 FM Radiology Specialist 3 - NIMS Type 2 FM Forensic Pathologist 2 - NIMS Type 2 FM Autopsy Technician 2 - NIMS Type 1 FM Forensic Anthropologist 3 - NIMS Type 1 FM Morgue Fingerprint Specialist 2 - NIMS Type 1 FM DNA Collection Specialist 4 - NIMS Type 1 FM Forensic Odontologist 2 - NIMS Type 1 FM Morgue Dental Assistant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team Member	Electronics	1 - Laptop with associated software	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Software includes spreadsheets, databases, and FM specific applications.			

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COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment	Per Team	Identification	1. Portable whole body x-ray unit 2. Dental x-ray unit 3. DNA Laboratory kit 4. Fingerprint kit 5. Dental ridge detail impressions 6. Tools, such as tweezers, forceps, and medical scissors 7. Digital camera and digital image/photographs 8. Compact disc (CD) media 9. Digital imaging equipment 10. Autopsy durable equipment and instruments (such as dissection tools) 11. Dosimeter	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
NOTES: Each response or mission will require additional specialized equipment.						
Equipment	Per Team Member	PPE	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	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.						
Equipment	Per Team Member	Communications	1. Two-way portable radio 2. Cellular phone	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
NOTES: Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.						



RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	NO TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Supplies	Per Team	Data Collection	Autopsy documentation forms	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) provides any necessary medico-legal forms			

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COMMENTS

1. Medico-legal refers to any death that requires official medical examiner or coroner investigation
2. The team adheres to human remains related religious and cultural customs to the extent the law permits

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Morgue Processing Unit
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management DNA Collection Specialist
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Forensic Anthropologist
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Fingerprint Specialist
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Forensic Odontologist
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Forensic Pathologist
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Dental Assistant
8. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team Leader
9. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Autopsy Technician
10. FEMA, NIMS 509: Fatality Management Radiology Specialist
11. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
12. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
13. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
14. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted

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

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