

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

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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM IDENTIFICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Each response or mission will require additional specialized equipment.
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two-way portable radio 2. Cellular phone 	Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.

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EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER ELECTRONICS	1 - Laptop with associated software	Software includes spreadsheets, databases, and FM specific applications.
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	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.
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT	2 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 FM Morgue Forensic Team Leader	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MINIMUM	24	Not Specified
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 Specified
SUPPLIES PER TEAM DATA COLLECTION	Autopsy documentation forms	Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) provides any necessary medico-legal forms

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

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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