



FATALITY MANAGEMENT DISASTER PORTABLE MORGUE UNIT

DESCRIPTION	The Fatality Management (FM) Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) is a mobile facility consisting of personnel, equipment, and supplies to support specially trained teams that respond to a mass fatality incident. The Medical Examiner/Coroner (ME/C), under the designated medico-legal authority, assists the local jurisdiction in identifying human remains through forensic dental pathology, forensic anthropology, latent print examination, and DNA testing. The DPMU also prepares and ensures the disposition of human remains.		
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health	RESOURCE KIND	Unit
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The FM DPMU establishes contact with the Mass Fatality Management Group Supervisor designee and the ME/C to determine where to set up the temporary morgue and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sets up and manages the operation of a temporary morgue (cache of prepackaged equipment and supplies) with necessary work stations for processing within 24 hours of activation 2. Provides inventory management 3. Collaborates and coordinates with the Fatality Management Assessment Team, Human Remains Recovery Team, Victim Information Center Team, Morgue Identification Center Team, Family Assistance Center, and state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal authorities in the identification and return of human remains 4. Delivers and maintains equipment and supplies to operate the Mass Fatality Management Group and temporary morgue 	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this unit (such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals) prior to deployment 2. Personnel work up to 12 hours per shift, are self-sustainable for 72 hours, and are deployable for up to 14 days 3. Requestors can order additional vehicles, equipment, and supplies, such as human remains transportation vehicles for temporary storage of human remains 4. Requestor can order additional units based on cause of death complexity, the geographic scale and scope, and the number of victims 5. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is mission-specific

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Unit	Minimum	7	7	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Personnel	Per Unit	Management and Oversight	1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Leader	1 – National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 FM DPMU Leader	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			

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RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Unit	Support	Same as Type 2	1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Communications Coordinator 1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Communications Information Technology Specialist 1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Communications Programming Specialist 1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Building/Arrangements Specialist 1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Supply Specialist 1 – NIMS Type 1 FM DPMU Facilities Specialist	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Unit	Hazardous Materials (Hazmat)	Hazmat capable	Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Unit	Self-contained Temporary Morgue	Same as Type 2	1. Portable x-ray unit 2. Human remains pouches 3. Medical instruments for autopsies 4. Radiation survey equipment 5. Portable autoclave 6. Digital cameras 7. Specimen containers and preservatives 8. Refrigerated storage	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Vehicle	Per Unit	Transportation	Same as Type 2	1 – Four-wheel drive vehicle with the ability to carry four passengers 1 – Truck with trailer, or a specially-designed vehicle to transport the DPMU	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Equipment	Per Unit	Information	Same as Type 2	7 – Laptops, tablets, or mobile devices equipped with data management and analysis software capability	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Equipment	Per Unit	Communication	Same as Type 2	7 – Portable two-way radios 7 – Cell phones 1 – Satellite phone	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Equipment	Per Unit Member	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Hazmat PPE that is mission-specific, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-porous protective outerwear 2. Masks/Respirators 3. Eye protection 4. Disposable gloves 5. Protective footwear 	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Supplies	Per Unit	Data Collection and Dissemination	Same as Type 2	1. General morgue forms 2. Release forms 3. Death certificates	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			

COMMENTS

Medico-legal refers to any death that requires official medical examiner or coroner investigation.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Communications Information Technology Specialist
2. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Communications Programming Specialist
3. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Building/Arrangements Specialist
4. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Communications Coordinator
5. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Facilities Specialist
6. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Leader
7. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Supply Specialist
8. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mass Fatality Management Group Supervisor, pending publication
9. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.120 Hazardous Materials Awareness
10. OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
11. OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.134, Respiratory Protection
12. OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.1030, Bloodborne Pathogens

NOTE

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