FATALITY MANAGEMENT DISASTER PORTABLE MORGUE UNIT LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY | Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND | Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION | The Fatality Management (FM) Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) Leader coordinates DPMU efforts, monitors DPMU personnel, and manages equipment.

COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS
1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed unit (Disaster Portable Morgue Unit)
2. Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment
3. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days
4. Requestor specifies if hazardous materials are present in the operating area; provider ensures that individuals hold certifications required by applicable laws and regulations to operate in environments where hazardous materials are present

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.

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| DESCRIPTION | The FM DPMU Leader reports to the Mass Fatality Management Group Supervisor or designee and:

1. Manages DPMU personnel
2. Maintains and assembles equipment
3. Coordinates facility issues, such as transportation, food services, communications, Information Technology (IT) support, and medical services for DPMU members
4. Ensures resources are in place for security around the DPMU
5. Monitors DPMU personnel for physical, emotional, and psychological fatigue
6. Establishes and maintains liaison with assigned channels for logistical support
7. Coordinates DPMU efforts as necessary for the operations and coordination center, Mass Fatality Management Group, FM Assessment Team, FM Human Remains Recovery Team, Morgue Identification Center (MIC), Victim Information Center (VIC), and Family Assistance Center (FAC)
8. Acts as liaison or assigns person to interface with Public Information Officer (PIO) or Joint Information Center (JIC) |
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<td>EDUCATION</td>
<td>Bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, science, or a public administration-related field</td>
<td>Four years of experience in a Medical Examiner/Coroner (ME/C) department directly related to the job description may substitute for a bachelor of science degree.</td>
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<td>EXPERIENCE</td>
<td>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:&lt;br&gt;1. Ability to work with database operations and tracking software&lt;br&gt;2. Familiarity with communications and logistics</td>
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<td>Experience:&lt;br&gt;1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation&lt;br&gt;2. Administrative or investigative experience in a medical examiner's office, coroner system, or forensic unit of a law enforcement agency, involving morgue or incident facility maintenance</td>
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## Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System
### Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services

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| PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS | 1. Performs duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time  
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 encountering child 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 and Prevention's (CDC) recommended adult immunization schedule | Not Specified |
| CURRENCY | Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years | Not Specified |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | Training certificate or other documentation related to the field of mortuary or forensic sciences | Not Specified |
NOTES

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

REFERENCES

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6. FEMA, Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), October 2010
7. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
11. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders