



Resource Typing Definition for Response  
Fatality Management Services

**FATALITY MANAGEMENT DISASTER PORTABLE MORGUE UNIT LEADER**

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Fatality Management (FM) Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) Leader coordinates DPMU efforts, monitors DPMU personnel, and manages equipment
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a National Incident Management System (NIMS) typed unit (Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit)</li> <li>2. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs</li> <li>3. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>4. Requestor specifies whether 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</li> </ol>

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
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The FM DPMU Leader reports to the Mass Fatality Management Group Supervisor or designee and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manages DPMU personnel</li> <li>2. Maintains and assembles equipment</li> <li>3. Coordinates facility issues, such as transportation, food services, communications, Information Technology (IT) support, and medical services for DPMU members</li> <li>4. Ensures resources are in place for security around the DPMU</li> <li>5. Monitors DPMU personnel for physical, emotional, and psychological fatigue</li> <li>6. Establishes and maintains liaison with assigned channels for logistical support</li> <li>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)</li> <li>8. Acts as liaison or assigns person to interface with Public Information Officer (PIO) or Joint Information Center (JIC)</li> </ol>	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, science, or a public administration-related field	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.
<b>TRAINING</b>	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>4. ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents</li> <li>5. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>7. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ability to work with database operations and tracking software</li> <li>2. Familiarity with communications and logistics</li> </ol> Experience: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arduous</li> <li>2. Performs duties with exposure to whole and fragmented human remains in various stages of decomposition</li> <li>3. Performs duties with sights and smells associated with death, including encountering child victims, grieving survivors, and family members of missing victims</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Training certificate or other documentation related to the field of mortuary or forensic sciences	Not Specified



## NOTES

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

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mass Fatality Management Group Supervisor
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Public Information Officer
4. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Fatality Management Disaster Portable Morgue Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
5. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
6. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
7. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
8. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders