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Unit 7. Federal Assistance for Mass Fatalities Incidents



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Visual 7.1
Mass Fatality Incident Response

Unit Objective

Identify the resources that are available at the Federal level during a mass fatalities incident.



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Visual 7.2
Mass Fatality Incident Response

Federal Resources

- **National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)**
- **National Disaster Medical System (NDMS):**
 - **Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORTs):**
 - **DMORT Disaster Portable Morgue Unit**
 - **Family Assistance Center**
 - **DMORT WMD Team**



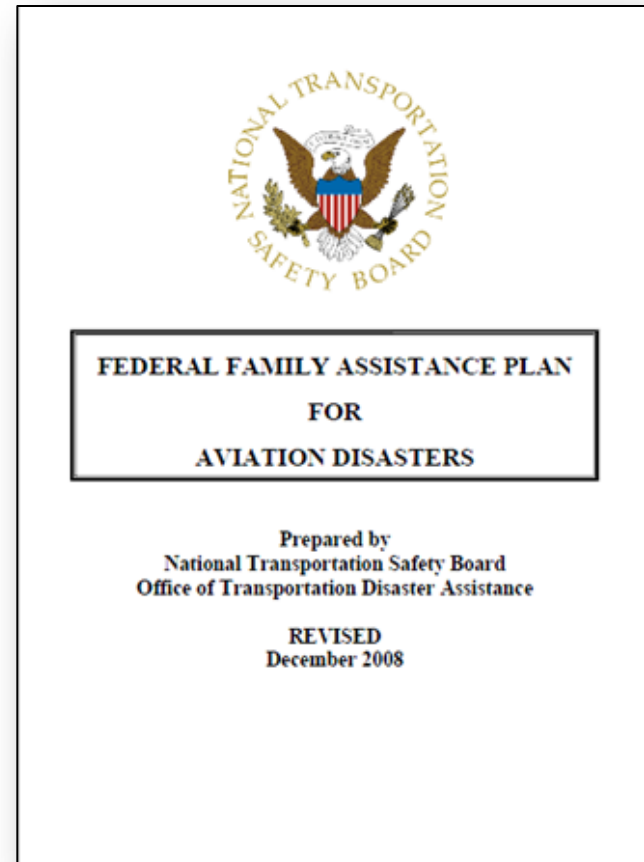
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Family Assistance Plan for Aviation Disasters

- Assigns airline and Federal responsibilities
- Describes airline and Federal response



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Family Assistance Plan Resources

- The American Red Cross
- Department of State
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation



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Family Assistance Plan Resources

- Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Non-FBI Department of Justice (DOJ) agencies



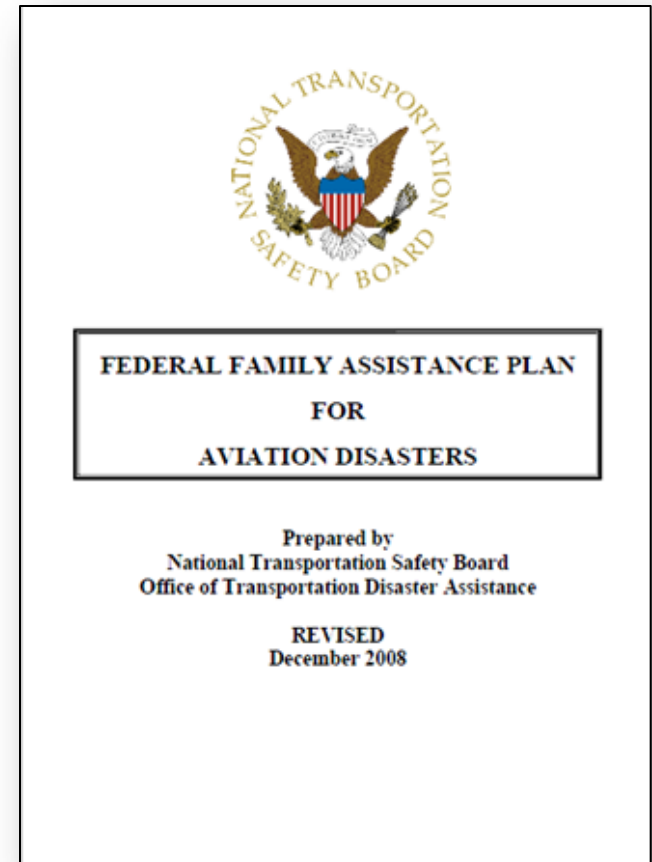
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Victim Support Tasks (VSTs)

- **NTSB tasks**
- **Airline, bus, rail, and cruise ship tasks**
- **Family care and mental health**
- **Victim identification, forensic, and medical services**



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Victim Support Tasks (VSTs)

- **Assisting Families of Foreign Victims**
- **Communications**
- **Assisting Victims of Crime**



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NDMS in Emergencies and Disasters

- Natural disasters
- Technological disasters
- Major transportation accidents
- Acts of terrorism, including events involving weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)



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NDMS Components

- **Medical response**
- **Patient movement**
- **Definitive medical care**



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Identification and Mortuary Services

- Temporary morgue resources
- Victim identification
- Forensic dental pathology
- Forensic anthropology methods



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Identification and Mortuary Services

- Processing
- Preparation
- Disposition of remains



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DMORT Professionals

- Funeral directors
- Coroners/Medical examiners
- Pathologists
- Forensic anthropologists
- Medical records technicians and transcribers



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DMORT Professionals

- Fingerprint specialists
- Forensic odontologists
- Dental assistants
- X-ray technicians
- Mental health specialists
- Investigative personnel

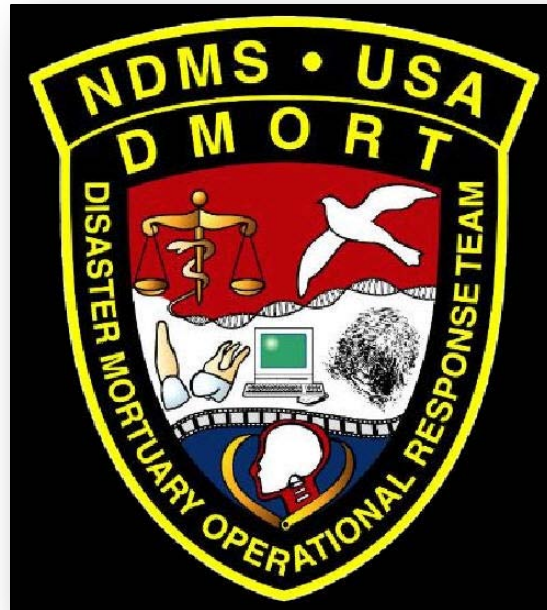


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DMORT Core Groups

- Family Assistance
- Weapons of Mass Destruction



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DPMU Equipment

- Pathology equipment
- Anthropology equipment
- Radiology equipment
- Photography/Personal effects equipment
- Wheeled exam tables
- Support equipment

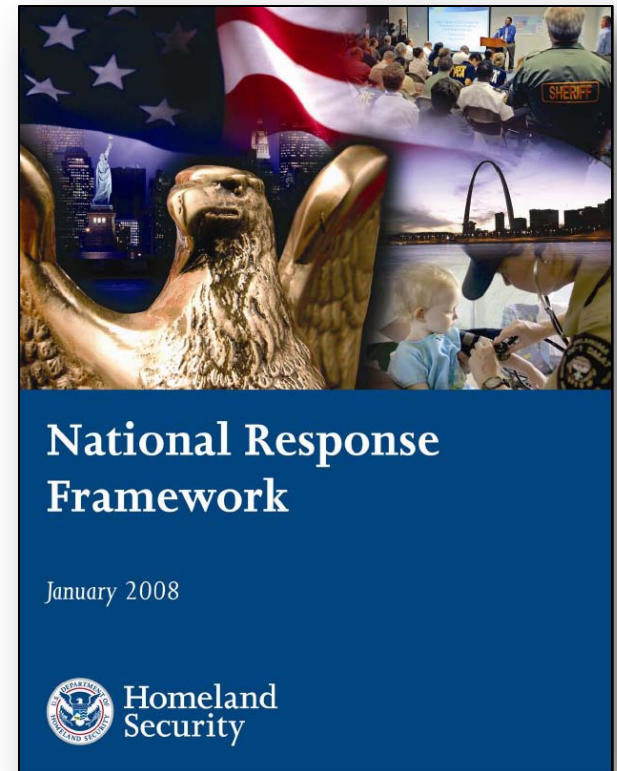


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Assets Under the NRF

- **Urban Search and Rescue Teams**
- **The American Red Cross**
- **Centers for Disease Control**
 - **Department of Health and Human Services**
 - **Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (OTPER)**
- **Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission**



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Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Participants

- **FEMA**
- **Task Forces**
- **Incident Support Teams**



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US&R Task Force Capabilities

- **Conduct physical search and rescue**
- **Provide emergency medical care**
- **Employ search and rescue dogs**
- **Assess and control utility and HazMat issues**
- **Evacuate and stabilize damaged structures**



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Mass Care

- Shelter
- Feeding
- Emergency first aid
- Disaster welfare information
- Bulk distribution of emergency relief items



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EPRB Response

- **Within 10 minutes**: Regional Emergency Response Coordinator contacts the person initiating the request.
- **Within 20 minutes**: Preliminary assessment team is available by phone for consultation.
- **Within 8 hours**: Emergency response coordinator and other team members can be onsite.



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EPA Assistance

- Agent identification, detection, and reduction
- Environmental monitoring
- Sample and forensic evidence collection/analysis
- Feasibility assessment and cleanup
- Onsite safety, protection, prevention, decontamination, and restoration



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National Guard Civil Support Teams (CSTs)

- Support civil authorities at domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) incidents
- Facilitate the arrival of follow-on military forces during CBRNE incidents

CRTs complement but do not duplicate State CBRNE response capabilities.



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USMC CBIRF

The U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) provides capabilities to:

- Detect and identify agents.
- Perform casualty search, rescue, and personnel decontamination.
- Provide emergency medical care and stabilization of contaminated personnel.



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FRERP Response

- Onsite management
- Radiological monitoring and assessment
- Development of Federal protective action recommendations
- Provision of information on the radiological response to the public



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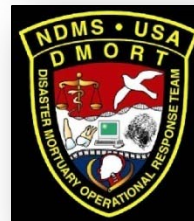
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

- **Supplements State and local agencies when a nuclear threat exists or when a nuclear incident occurs**
- **May be called on to identify and deploy resources from outside the affected area**
- **May be deployed in the absence of a Federal disaster declaration**



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Unit Summary



Following a mass fatality incident, Federal resources are available to help.

DMORTs provide critical services in identifying remains and personal effects.

Other Federal agencies can assist when called to respond.



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