



EMERGENCY
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INSTITUTE

Unit 1. Introduction and Course Overview



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Visual 1.1
Mass Fatality Incident Response

Course Objectives

- Describe the characteristics of a mass fatalities incident.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of key players in a mass fatalities incident.
- Describe the steps required to respond to a mass fatalities Incident, including catastrophic numbers of fatalities and contaminated remains.



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Course Objectives

- **Assess your local Mortuary Annex.**
- **Describe critical operational activities.**
- **Explain how the Family Assistance Center supports families and aids in identification.**
- **Identify the requirements to ensure that the psychological needs of morgue personnel are addressed.**



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Mass Fatality Incident Response

Course Objectives

- Recognize the importance of stress management debriefings for responders at a mass fatalities incident.
- Identify the resources that are available at the local, State, and Federal levels.
- Apply the principles of ICS to a simulated incident.



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Course Agenda

Day	AM	PM
1	Unit 1. Introduction and Course Overview Unit 2. Incident Management	Unit 3. Preincident Planning Unit 4. Managing Mass Fatalities Operations
2	Unit 4. Managing Mass Fatalities Operations Unit 5. Establishing the Morgue	Unit 6. Family Assistance Support Operations Unit 7. Federal Assistance for Mass Fatalities Incidents
3	Unit 8. Mass Fatalities Tabletop Exercise	



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Visual 1.5
Mass Fatality Incident Response

Unit Objectives

- **Define a mass fatalities incident.**
- **Describe the characteristics of a mass fatalities incident.**
- **Discuss anticipated reactions to mass fatalities.**
- **Explain the need to show respect for the dead.**
- **Understand the needs of families and friends.**



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The Mass Fatalities Incident

What is a mass fatalities incident?



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The Mass Fatalities Incident

- Sights, sounds, and smells
- Characteristics that drive response
- Anticipated reactions
- The need to show respect
- The overriding need to save the living



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The Mass Fatalities Incident



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Mass Fatality Incident Response

Activity: Analyzing a Mass Fatalities Incident

Follow the steps below to complete this activity:

1. Work in your table groups to complete this activity.
2. Analyze the incident described in the Student Manual.
3. Develop a list of special issues, concerns, and considerations that must be addressed.
4. Be prepared to present your list to the class.



You will have 20 minutes to complete this activity.



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Unit Summary

This unit:

- **Examined some of the important considerations surrounding mass fatalities incidents.**

Unit 2 will:

- **Cover incident management.**



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