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**A Mass Fatalities Response:
When a Nightmare Comes True**

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Mass Fatalities Incident

An event that causes loss of life and human suffering that cannot be met through usual individual and community resources.

Two most important parts of a disaster:

Three aspects of a disaster

- Operational Sites**
- Disaster Site
 - Family Assistance Center
 - Mass Fatalities Headquarters
 - Staff Processing Center
 - Victim Identification Center

- Strategic Planning Issues**
- Custody of fatalities
 - Multi jurisdictional issues
 - Mass fatalities push pack
 - Personnel management
 - Standardized mass fatalities plan

Strategic Planning Issues

Recovery of Remains

- Personnel
- Comprehensiveness
- Transfer of remains and personal effects
- Storage
- Morgue Site

Strategic Planning Issues

Remains Management

- Decontamination of remains
- Acceptable identification standard
- Vital statistics management
- Management of personal effects
- Preservation of remains

Strategic Planning Issues

Disposition Issues

- Remains
- Personal effects
- Unassociated remains

Strategic Planning Issues

Management of Family Care

- Family responding to site
- Family notification
- Documentation and release
- Memorial services

ME Planning Questions

- What exactly do I want to know?
- What value will it be to me?
- Will the information help me in the identification?
- Who is the best suited for this task?

Strategic Planners Need to Determine

- Requirements for a successful response
- Protocols for a consistent response
- Standards of an effective response
- Factors influencing strategic planning
- Standards for trainers

Strategic Planners Need to Determine

- Documentation required for development and delivery of training
- Training needs for personnel
- Standards of performance of local agencies
- Standards to assure response is appropriate and meet objectives

Strategic Planners Need to Determine

- Support to responders
- Needs created by various critical situations and tasks
- How to maximize the effectiveness of the response
- Understand the role of DHS and federal agencies
- Protocols for transition

Proper Mass Fatalities Planning

- Protects emergency responders
- Protects the community and country
- Meets societal expectations in the care of the living and dead
- Maximizes limited local and federal resources

Online Disaster Response Training

<http://training.fema.gov/EMICourses>

<http://cpheo1.sph.umn.edu/phet>

- Module: Mass Fatalities
- Module: Dirty Bomb After the Blast
- Module: Crisis Intervention During Disaster

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Managing the Community Response

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