



Course Description

G-386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response

Description:

This course prepares state and local response personnel and other responsible agencies and professionals to handle mass fatalities effectively and to work with the survivors in an emergency or disaster.

This course covers incident management; mass fatalities; planning before and operations during an incident; establishing the morgue; family assistance support operations; and assistance from the Federal government. The course concludes with a tabletop exercise.

Participants will learn to identify the characteristics of a mass fatality incident and identify the roles and responsibilities of key personnel in the incident. In addition, the instructor will describe the steps required to respond to a mass fatalities incident, including catastrophic numbers of fatalities and contaminated remains, and help participants determine their jurisdiction's preparedness for a mass fatalities event.

Course Objectives:

- Describe the critical operational activities:
- Notification
- Staging
- Search and recovery
- Morgue operations
- Media relations
- Family assistance

Explain how the Family Assistance Center is used to support families and to aid identification of the deceased.

Identify the requirements to ensure that the psychological needs of morgue personnel are addressed.

Recognize the importance of Critical Incident Stress Debriefings for responders at a mass fatalities incident.

Identify the resources that are available during a mass fatalities incident and describe their roles and responsibilities.

Apply the principles of ICS to a simulated incident.

Prerequisites:

You must be a US Citizen to take this course. If you are not please let us know by email for further instruction at OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV

All participants must have a FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) number. Students can search for their existing/create a new FEMA SID at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

Length: 24 Hours

Target Audience:

- Emergency Management
- EMS
- First Responders
- Public Safety Communications
- Hazardous Material
- Public Health
- Security and Safety

Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.