



Course Description

AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities

Description

This awareness-level course will teach rural and tribal participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing them with opportunities to exchange rural and tribal perceptions and brainstorm for solutions to simulated emergencies. In the course of six modules, delivered over an eight-hour period, participants will learn how to identify critical resources necessary for identified functions, develop strategies for responding to unique challenges of mass fatalities incidents, implement forums for partnerships with key community, regional, state, and federal stakeholders for effective response and community recovery, and identify the components that comprise a comprehensive community-wide mass fatalities incident response plan. Upon completion of this Instructor-led course, participants will benefit from an increased awareness of morgue operations and human remains recovery operations, and an enhanced ability to plan for the unique challenges of mass fatality incidents in rural and tribal communities

Course Objectives

Identify the significant differences in the death care process following a mass fatality event from that of normal, daily processes, and list possible mass fatality scenarios that may affect their communities. Identify the roles recovery operations play in the identification process, the procedures for properly, safely, and respectfully recovering and documenting deceased human remains and associated personal effects, and the staff and equipment needed. Describe morgue operations during a mass fatality response, the skill sets needed to work at various stations found in the morgue, the interaction between morgue and family assistance operations and the role recovery operations play in the overall identification process. Describe the FAC's role in the identification process; the components, staffing needs, and support services needed to facilitate FAC operations; and describe two models of a Family Assistance Center construct. Describe some of the federal resources available following a mass fatality event, how to obtain these resources, and how they are coordinated by local authorities. Examine the transition activities for releasing federal resources when response activities are such that they can be handled by local authorities. Describe the importance of planning for a mass fatality response on the local level, the issues that must be considered in the planning process, the framework of a mass fatality response, and the on-going process of mass fatality planning

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

Length: 8 Hours

Target Audience:

- Emergency Management
- EMS
- Governmental Administrative
- Law Enforcement
- Public Health
- Citizen/Community Volunteer

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.

Additional Prerequisites:

- All participants must have a FEMA SID number. Students can search for their existing/create a new FEMA SID at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.
- IS-100
- IS-200
- IS-700
- IS-800