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Introduction:

This Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Fatality Management Training Course enables you to direct complex forensic recovery operations across five intensive days. You will construct a complete Mass Fatality Operational Response Plan that aligns field body recovery, temporary mortuary management, and forensic reconciliation workflows. You need foundational familiarity with emergency response or forensic operations, as this practitioner-level course is delivered through hands-on simulation exercises. You will work directly with standardised data collection protocols, morgue cold-chain controls, and inter-agency coordination mechanisms to lead professional victim identification operations.

Course Objectives:

- Construct an incident command structure for mass fatality incidents using OSAC 2022-N-0020 management principles
- Deploy the INTERPOL Guide to Disaster Victim Identification five-phase operational workflow across field and mortuary environments
- Record post-mortem and ante-mortem physical evidence using INTERPOL pink and yellow standardised identification forms
- Calibrate temporary mortuary cold-chain controls within the required 2°C to 4°C storage standard
- Execute forensic reconciliation boards comparing friction ridge, dental, and DNA scientific identifiers
- Formulate family assistance centre communication workflows ensuring dignified body release and repatriation protocols

Target Audience:

- You lead emergency medical services, disaster response units, or civil defense operations coordinating mass fatality sites
- You direct forensic pathology, odontology, or mortuary services responsible for human remains examination
- You oversee municipal planning, public health departments, or cemetery operations managing sudden fatality surge capacity
- You manage corporate crisis response, airline emergency operations, or industrial safety teams handling major incident fatalities



Course Outline:

Day 1: Establishing Incident Command and Scene Recovery Operations

- Mapping disaster site perimeters using recovery grids
- Deploying the INTERPOL Guide five-phase operational process
- Tagging human remains with tamper-proof recovery identifiers
- Establishing chain-of-custody protocols under OSAC 2022-N-0020 standards
- Build: Scene Recovery Protocol and Grid Mapping Plan

Day 2: Configuring Temporary Mortuary Infrastructure and Cold Chain

- Designing temporary mortuary layouts separating biosecurity workflow zones
- Regulating body preservation temperatures within two to four degrees
- Integrating health standards from the PAHO WHO ICRC manual
- Managing commingled remains through forensic anthropology intake triage
- Build: Temporary Mortuary Operational Layout and Cold-Chain Matrix

Day 3: Standardising Post-Mortem and Ante-Mortem Data Collection

- Recording post-mortem forensic findings on INTERPOL pink forms
- Gathering victim dental and physical records on yellow forms
- Cataloguing primary scientific identifiers including friction ridge data
- Documenting forensic odontology charts and comparative radiograph sets
- Build: Standardised Post-Mortem and Ante-Mortem Comparative Record File

Day 4: Conducting Forensic Reconciliation and Family Assistance Operations

- Matching post-mortem and ante-mortem records via reconciliation software
- Evaluating primary DNA analysis matches against secondary evidence
- Establishing Family Assistance Centre workflows for missing persons ante-mortem collection
- Managing dignified victim release procedures and repatriation documentation
- Build: Multi-Disciplinary Identification Reconciliation Dossier

Day 5: Executing the Mass Fatality Operational Simulation

- Mobilising the incident command branch during an unfolding disaster scenario
- Executing coordinated body recovery and morgue admission under time constraints
- Validating conclusive victim identifications before an expert forensic board
- Conducting inter-agency operational debriefs using after-action review templates
- Build: Validated Mass Fatality Operational Response Plan



Skills You Will Gain:

- DVI Scene Grid Recovery
- INTERPOL AM and PM Form Completion
- OSAC 2022-N-0020 Chain of Custody Maintenance
- Morgue Cold-Chain Calibration
- Forensic Odontology Matching
- Friction Ridge Identification
- Family Assistance Centre Management
- Forensic Reconciliation Dossier Preparation

Why Attend This Course:

- Transition from fragmented disaster recovery responses to an integrated incident command mass fatality branch structure
- Master the international INTERPOL pink and yellow data forms to eliminate evidence mismatch and sample contamination
- Establish compliant temporary mortuary operations with verified cold-chain and biohazard handling protocols
- Take back a complete Mass Fatality Operational Response Plan that equips your organisation to coordinate forensic teams immediately

Conclusion:

Returning to your organisation, you will immediately present your Mass Fatality Operational Response Plan to emergency leadership and inter-agency working groups. You will review existing mutual aid agreements, mortuary surge contracts, and scene recovery kits against the operational workflow. Following your first table-top exercise or incident deployment, you will audit chain-of-custody logs and reconciliation records to verify compliance with international disaster victim identification standards.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What will you be able to do after this Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Fatality Management Training Course?

You will be able to lead disaster victim identification operations across field recovery, temporary mortuary processing, and forensic reconciliation. You will deploy international protocols to manage physical evidence, maintain cold chains, document ante-mortem and post-mortem data, and coordinate inter-agency mass fatality responses.



What do you need to know before starting this Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Fatality Management Training Course?

You need a foundational understanding of emergency response, criminal investigation, healthcare operations, or forensic services. Prior experience with incident command systems or mortuary workflows is beneficial, but specialised expertise in advanced forensic pathology or forensic odontology is not required.

What deliverable do you build during this Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Fatality Management Training Course?

You build a Mass Fatality Operational Response Plan. This deliverable integrates scene recovery grid layouts, temporary mortuary workflows, cold-chain specifications, standardised INTERPOL data collection files, family assistance centre operating procedures, and forensic identification reconciliation dossiers.

How does this Disaster Victim Identification and Mass Fatality Management Training Course differ from a general disaster management course?

This course focuses specifically on the scientific, technical, and logistical procedures required to recover, preserve, and identify human remains. While general disaster management addresses broad humanitarian logistics and infrastructure repair, this course specialises in mortuary command, chain of custody, and forensic reconciliation.

