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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: G-386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response (G-386)

Length of Course: 16 Hours **Lecture/Lab Breakdown:** 14 Hours / 2 Hours

Target Audience: This course has been developed for Emergency Managers as an introduction to mass fatalities incidents. The course will cover the main tasks that need to be done to plan for, operate at the scene of, and recover from mass fatalities incidents.

Prerequisites: Volunteer or Paid position in emergency services or emergency management. FEMA Independent Study Program 100 (or equivalent) and Independent Study course 200 (or equivalent).

Referenced Texts: FEMA G-386 Mass Fatalities Student Manual. Instructor Guide and PowerPoint provided on CD by PEMA.

Course Goal: To provide participants with the necessary skills and abilities to plan for, respond to, and recover from a mass fatalities incident thru the use of lecture (PowerPoint presentation) and group activities.

Description of Course: This Mass Fatalities Incident Response Course (G386) is designed to provide participants with a basic understanding of how to plan for, response to, and recover from a mass fatalities incident.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief): Lecture, PowerPoint presentations,.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Note taking materials (Pen/Pencil, paper) and Student Manual

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Classroom setting with chairs and tables; computer with capabilities to play DVDs, LCD projector screen; additional handouts per instructor choice.

Special Notes & Conditions: Minimum of 10, Maximum of 30 students in class. Two (2) Instructors are required for delivery of this course. It is strongly recommend that a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the area of anthropology, odontology, forensics, or death investigation be invited to participate.

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COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Notes</u>
2:00	Registration, Unit 1: Introduction and Course Overview	
2:00	Unit 2: Incident Management	
2:00	Unit 3: Pre-Incident Planning	
3:00	Unit 4: Mass Fatalities Operations	
2:00	Unit 5: Establishing the Morgue	
2:00	Unit 6: Family Assistance Support Operations	
1:00	Unit 7: Federal Assistance for Mass Fatalities Incidents	
2:00	Unit 8: Mass Fatalities Table Top Exercise	
	Unit Outline	
	Introduction.....10 minutes	
	Scenario Presentation and Discussion....30 minutes	
	Scenario Update #1 and Discussion.....30 minutes	
	Scenario Update #2 and Discussion.....15 minutes	
	Scenario Update #3 and Discussion.....15 minutes	
	Debriefing/Action Planning.....30 minutes	

Note: Times are flexible due to class size, student backgrounds, etc.

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): Periodic questioning by instructor throughout presentation, and a 70% passing score on a 36 question exam.

Course Objectives (specific): At the conclusion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Describe the characteristics of a mass fatalities incident.
2. Identify the roles and responsibilities of key players in a mass fatalities incident
3. Describe the steps required to respond to a mass fatalities incident.
4. Assess the local plans relating to mass fatalities incident response.
5. Describe the critical operational activities of a mass fatalities incident response,
6. Explain how the Family Assistance Center is used to support families and to aid identification of the deceased.
7. Identify the requirements to ensure that the psychological needs of mass fatalities responders are addressed.
8. Recognize the importance of Critical Incident Stress Debriefings for responders at a mass fatalities incident
9. Identify the resources that are available during a mass fatalities incident and describe their roles and responsibilities.
10. Apply the principles of ICS in response to a simulated incident.

Questions/Comments: Contact the Assistant State Fire Academy Administrator