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Mass Fatality Management

Training & Exercise Program

Purpose

Coroners and Medical Examiners from communities across the State of California have heroically risen to historic disasters, including wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. Building on lessons learned from these incidents, Cal OES is pleased to announce a groundbreaking series of mass fatality management training courses and exercises. Our goal is to support local response operations by **promoting a common best practice framework that facilitates Coroner/ME Mutual Aid deployment from one jurisdiction to another.**

This program was envisioned by the California State Coroners Association (CSCA), who successfully petitioned the Governor to provide funding. To build and deliver the courses and exercises, Cal OES is partnering with CSCA and Constant Associates to engage industry-leading experts.

Training Program Overview

- Courses are available at the Awareness, Management, and Executive levels.
- Advanced Topics sessions will highlight key areas identified through a statewide survey of the Coroner/ME community.
- Deliveries will be provided **as locally as possible** across the State.
- Course announcements and sign-up links will be provided by Cal OES.

Tabletop and Full-Scale Exercises

Cal OES will host exercises designed to identify repeatable successes and areas of focus for future iterations of the program. The TTXs will focus on management and executive-level objectives, while the FSEs will be geared toward field operations.

Coroner Mass Fatality Awareness

This eight (8)-hour training course is designed for Coroner/ME staff and wider response stakeholders to build foundational knowledge in mass fatality operations, resources, and best practices. This course is certified by ABMDI and CA POST (Plan IV).

POST CCN: 9410-31208-21

Coroner Mass Fatality for Management

This eight (8)-hour training course is designed for current and future mass fatality management leaders to expand their capabilities, including incident planning, operations, and mutual aid. This course is seeking ABMDI certification and is CA POST certified (Plan IV).

POST CCN: 9410-31212-21

Coroner Mass Fatality for Executives

This four (4)-hour training course is designed for executive leaders, with a focus on high-level mass fatality management and public information.

POST CCN: 9410-31213-21

Advanced Topics Courses

A series of four to eight (4-8)-hour courses will focus on specific topics identified through a statewide survey, including mass fatality planning, family assistance centers, disaster mental health, and Rapid DNA technology.

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