

Emergency Support Function (ESF) # 18

Fatality Management

Preface

Disasters have the capacity to produce large numbers of fatalities. The profound effects of mass fatalities on both loved ones and the entire community, and the ability to coordinate and obtain the needed fatality management resources are critical emergency response functions of the County.

Primary Agency

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
Emergency Support Functions (ESF) # 18 – Fatality Management

Milwaukee County

AGENCIES:

Primary

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner

Support

211 System

American Red Cross

Clergy

Community / Faith Based Organizations

Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (D-MORT), and

Dane Fatality Incident Response Support Team (D-FIRST)

Fire Departments

Funeral Directors/Association

Hartson Funeral Home and Private Ambulance Companies

Hospitals

Law Enforcement Agencies

Medical College of Wisconsin

Medical Reserve Corps

Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Public Health (Municipal)

Public Works (Municipal)

State of Wisconsin

Primary

State support to this ESF may be available in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Federal

Likely Support Includes:

- Emergency services for household pets and services animals.
- Veterinary medical support.
- Support providing for the safety and well-being of household pets.

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PURPOSE.

1. This function addresses general policies and procedures for the mitigation, preparedness, response to and recovery from incidents with fatalities. It also provides an initial coordination framework of mass fatality response activities.

POLICIES.

1. It is the policy of Milwaukee County that human remains should only be removed if authorized by the medical examiner or his/her designee.
2. All human remains will be treated with the utmost respect and dignity during the collection and removal process.
3. Personnel involved in the collection, removal and transportation of human remains must use the appropriate levels of protective equipment to prevent any injury or exposure to pathogens.
 - It is understood that the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner is primarily responsible for body recovery, identification, and examination during mass fatality operations .
5. It is understood that the Medical Examiner is responsible for human remains and associated items during fatalities. Once the Chief of Fire/Rescue on scene has declared the incident site safe to enter, all injured have been evacuated and emergency operations are complete, the Medical Examiner is in charge of the human remains until all body identification and morgue operations have been completed to their satisfaction. Criminal, transportation-related, and industrial investigations and associated non-remains scene features will remain the jurisdiction of other investigating agencies.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS BY PHASE

MILWAUKEE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

Pre-Emergency	Work with the Office of Emergency Management OEM) to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain this Emergency Support Function (ESF).2. Maintain inventories of resources and equipment.3. Participate in drills, exercises.4. Develop emergency action checklists.5. Maintain mutual aid agreements.
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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS BY PHASE

MILWAUKEE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

<p>Emergency</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine if there have been fatalities and the numbers involved. 2. Supervise and coordinate the recovery, transportation, and storage of human remains. 3. Make sure that locations are noted where each body was found and that all information is appropriately tagged or attached (i.e. date, time, approximate age, location and identification if known). 4. Protect the property and personal effects of the deceased. 5. Notify relatives in cases where local law enforcement agencies are unwilling or unable to so. 6. Request scene security and evidence identification. 7. Request security for temporary morgues. 8. When notified, report to the Milwaukee County EOC. 9. Implement and coordinate the Milwaukee County Mass Fatality Incident Plan. 10. Establish effective fatality management incident management structure within the on-scene Operations Section. 11. Procure equipment and supplies necessary for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tag and flag operations. b. Establishment of a temporary morgue, if needed. . c. Body transportation. d. Temporary cold storage (portable units -e.g., refrigeration trucks, or portable refrigeration containers). 12. Identify, set up, and coordinate activities at the Incident Morgue to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Victim tracking. b. Fingerprinting. c. Physical examinations. d. Radiographic examination e. Withdrawal of blood and body fluids. f. Forensic examinations. g. Victim identification. h. Preparation for final disposition and release of remains. 13. Advise on the use of Personal Protective Equipment as appropriate. 14. Assure epidemiological monitoring and surveillance is occurring. 15. Coordinate activities with those of agencies performing decontamination of potentially contaminated (HAZMAT, Chemical, Biological, or Radiologic) remains at the incident scene prior to transportation to the Medical Examiner’s Office or temporary mortuary facility. 16. Establish and maintain a comprehensive recordkeeping system for continuous updating and recording fatality numbers. 17. Establish Public Information capabilities within the on-scene structure or within the Joint Public Information System at the EOC to ensure accurate and expedient dissemination of information.
<p>Emergency</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff the ESF # 18 position in the EOC.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS BY PHASE	
MILWAUKEE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER	
Operations Center (EOC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Implement and coordinate the Milwaukee County Mass Fatality Incident Plan. 3. Determine whether the situation falls under the jurisdiction of Coroner, notifying Coroner of the situation and coordinating with them as appropriate. 4. Coordinate and facilitate the fatality management if the event is not under the jurisdiction of Coroner. 5. Determine present and future need for medical examiner/fatality management resources. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Determine if the situation may require temporary morgue facilities. b. Identify potential sites and/or storage facilities for the dead, (i.e., refrigeration units, trucks, trailers, etc.) as well as processing sites. 6. Obtain, coordinate fatality management resources as requested by field incident commanders. 7. Establish and maintain a comprehensive record keeping system for continuous updating and recording of fatality numbers. 8. Establish, maintain contact with the State EOC through the EOC Manager: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on status and need for fatality management resources. 9. Coordinate with funeral home directors to provide assistance in the mass fatalities incidents by providing recovery, evacuation, mortuary operations, identification and notification.
Recovery Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compilation of final reports. 2. Participate in after-action/improvement planning incident evaluation process. 3. Provide continued support to fatality management personnel. 4. Revise plans to reflect changes in programs and procedures.

SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS	
211 System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist with providing pre-scripted information to decedents' families
American Red Cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a representative to the EOC to coordinate ARC operation. 2. Assist with the identification and establishment of support facilities for responder care and feeding. 3. Establish facilities and facilitate the exchange of information for victim and family support services. 4. Provide additional services such as family escorts, public inquiry and locator program, childcare services, and assistance with planning of memorial services. 5. In application to aircraft incidents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish Family Assistance Centers for family members.

SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Registration and identification of family members; c. Mental health support; d. Physical health support; e. Childcare as needed; f. Spiritual care support; g. Assist Coroner with notification of next of kin or representative.
Clergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate services for disaster victims and families.
Community / Faith Based Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advise on issues of cultural/religious sensitivity 2. Provide grief counseling. 3. Recruit and coordinate clergy. 4. Provide assistance with mental health support for emergency workers and families as appropriate. 5. Assist in providing language services for family assistance centers as requested.
D-MORT/D-FIRST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local authorities and provide technical assistance and personnel to recover, identify, and process deceased victims 2. Provide forensic pathologists and mortuary personnel for assistance. 3. Provide temporary portable mortuary facilities
Fire Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist with emergency services at disaster scene, fatality collection points, and incident morgue. 2. Provide hazardous materials consultation. 3. Support search and recovery efforts. 4. Conduct gross decontamination. 5. Provide assistance to the medical examiner for the removal/recovery of remains. 6. Record costs and expenditures and forward them to this ESF's Group Supervisor.
Funeral Directors/ Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish temporary morgues. 2. Assist in recovery, transportation, mortuary operations, identification and notification. 3. Coordinate embalming, transportation and final disposition of bodies.
Hartson Funeral Home and Private Ambulance Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist with transportation of human remains as requested.
Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to the Medical Examiner's Office disaster related victims who become

SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS	
	<p>deceased at their respective healthcare facility.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provide reports to the Coroner emergency related deaths at hospital facility.
Law Enforcement Agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure the disaster scene until such time that resources can be organized to properly mark and plot debris, bodies and body parts at the disaster scene. 2. Provide security at designated mortuaries. 3. Provide escort of body transport to and from the fatality scene if traffic related issues are encountered. 4. Provide TOTAL station, if required. 5. Provide explosive-related clearance of bodies if not previously cleared on scene.
Medical College of Wisconsin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide body trackers for mortuary operations.
Medical Reserve Corps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide body trackers for mortuary operations.
Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate resources for the Medical Examiner. 2. Implement mutual aid agreements.
Public Health (Municipal)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assure epidemiological monitoring and disease control surveillance are occurring as well as other ESF # 8 requested activities. 2. Maintain records of cost and expenditures to accomplish this ESF and forward them to the EOC Finance/ Administration Section Chief.
Public Works (Municipal)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide equipment, personnel, and other resources for heavy and specialized equipment. 2. Identify contractors who can provide heavy and specialized equipment to support fatality management activities.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MCMEO Mass Casualty Flow Chart.
REFERENCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Examiner's Mass Fatality Plan.

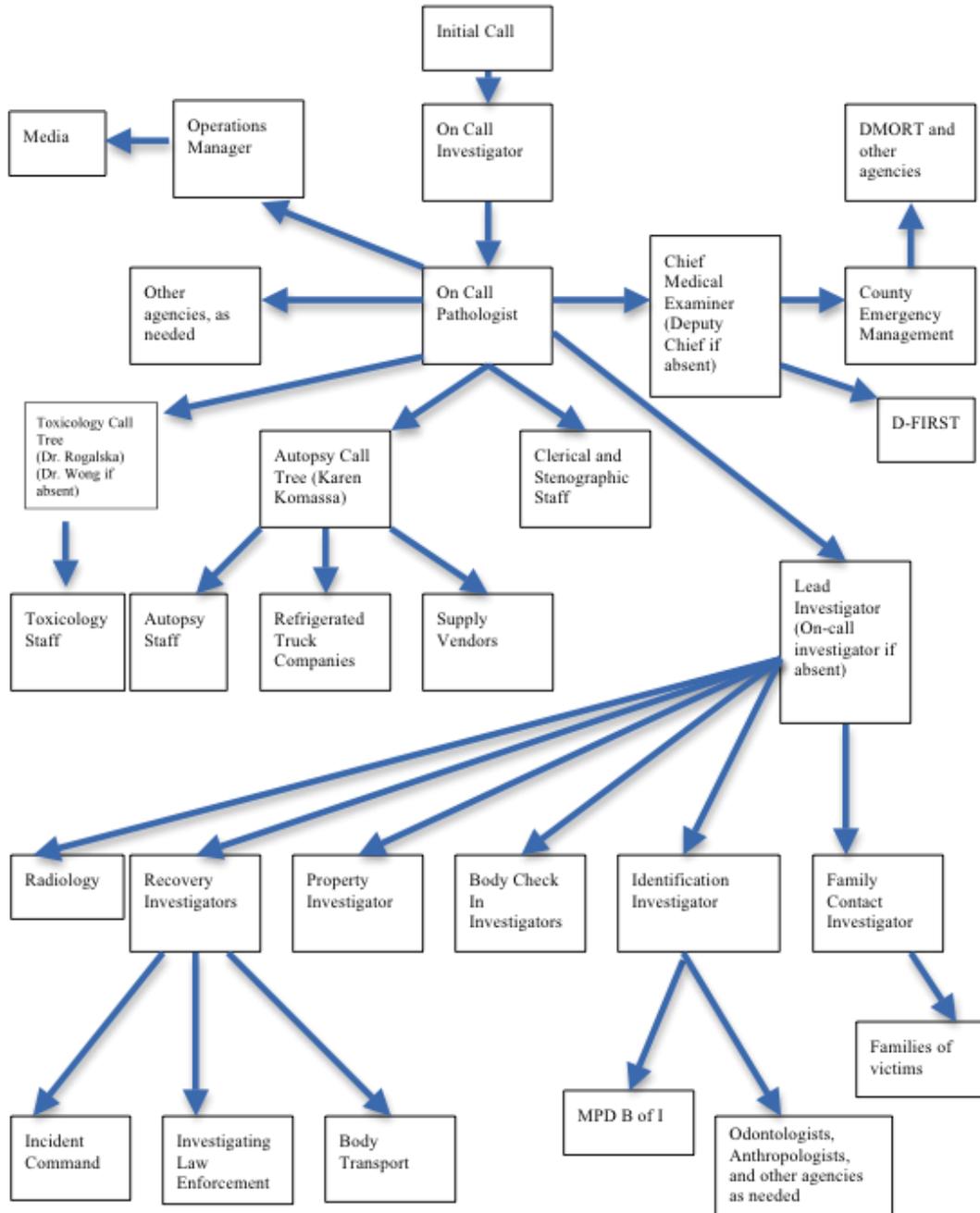
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Attachment 1

MCMEO MASS CASUALTY FLOW CHART

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EOP
ANNEX H - HEALTHCARE
PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND MORTUARY

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office Mass Casualty Flow Chart



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Mass Fatality Management Plan

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

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CHAPTER 1. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

1. A mass fatality event may be due to any number of unforeseen events, manmade or natural; e.g., terrorist bombing event or an EF4+ tornadic event. Death prediction for these types of events is immeasurable; therefore, this plan will use a formulated number relating to pandemic influenza.

Total number of expected deaths in a pandemic influenza event:

Worst-case scenario of 35% influenza attack rate over 12 weeks	1,508 deaths ¹
Average MC death rate over 12 weeks.....	2,006 deaths ²
	3,514 deaths

Milwaukee County may experience 1,171 deaths over a one-month period during a pandemic.

2. Within 24-48 hours after death, human remains will begin to decompose without refrigeration.³
3. Human remains that are refrigerated can be kept for one month.⁴
4. Approximately 35% of human remains require a casket and vault.⁵
5. CDC and Prevention estimates that 70% of deaths will occur in a hospital.⁶
6. A vaccine will likely not be available until 6-8 months after a pandemic begins.⁷
7. Traditional funeral services for deaths may be suspended to minimize public gatherings and decrease transmission of disease causing agents.
8. All funeral homes will be operating with full staffing.
9. All incidents will follow the NIMS and ICS command structure.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/tools/fluaid.htm>, May 23rd, 2014.

² Wisconsin Department of Health Services, <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/deaths/>, May 23rd, 2014.

³ Eau Claire County Mortuary Plan, October 30, 2012.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

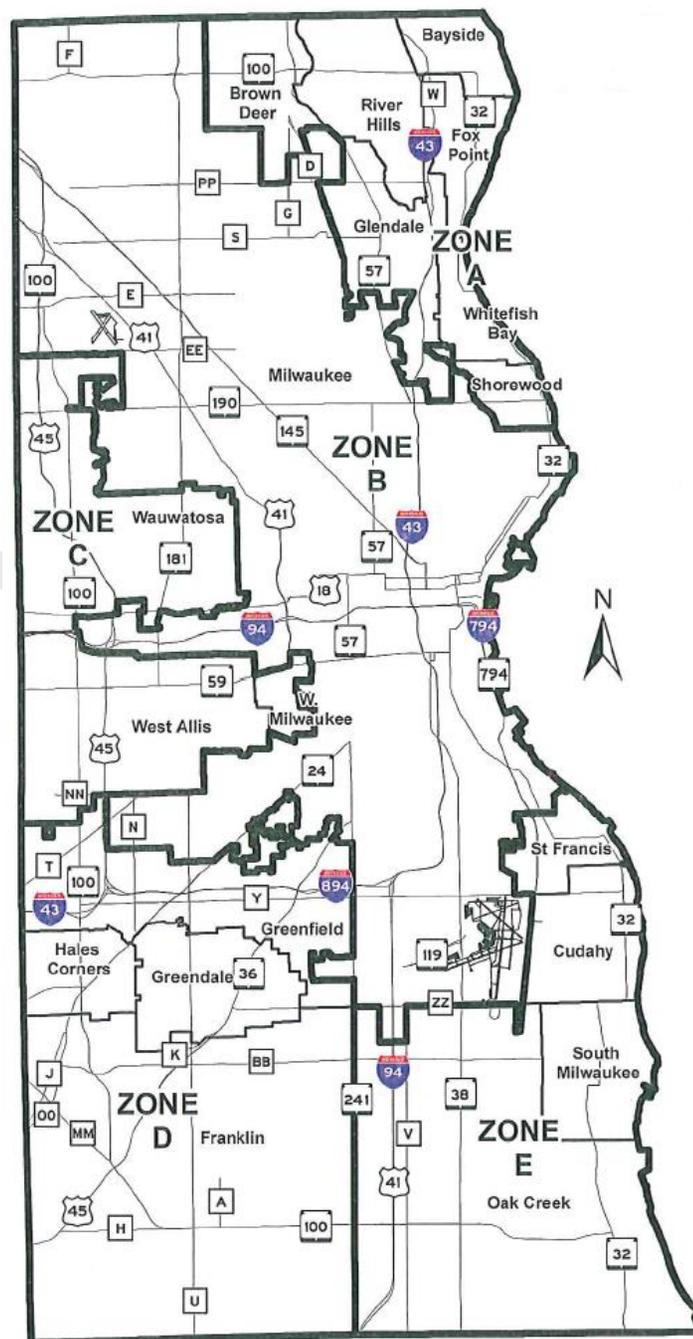
⁷ Ibid.

10. Tactical unit operations, such as the Coroner, Medical Examiner, Law Enforcement, etc., will not be detailed in this document; this document shall reflect strategic operations and resources.
11. Any incident involving a Weapon of Mass Destruction, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or improvised explosive device will require a greater number of resources to include federal assistance.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZONES

Zone A	Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay
Zone B	City of Milwaukee
Zone C	Wauwatosa, West Allis, West Milwaukee
Zone D	Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners
Zone E	Cudahy, Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, St. Francis



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CHAPTER 2. THRESHOLDS

A. MUNICIPAL MASS FATALITY GUIDELINES ⁸

Number of Fatalities each zone could handle without mutual aid.	
Zone A	9
Zone B	50
Zone C	16
Zone D	20 (Greenfield = 4)
Zone E	12
TOTAL	107

Restrictions are based on jurisdictional funeral home storage OR transportation assets

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⁸ Consider the FEMA G386 Mass Fatality Incident Response course when establishing guidelines.

B. COUNTY MASS FATALITY GUIDELINES⁹

	Number of fatalities	Caveat #1	Caveat #2
Mass Fatality Event (Small)	7 – 20 fatalities with intact remains	An event which crossing multiple jurisdictional boundaries	CBRNE event
Critical Mass Fatality Event (Medium)	20 – 100 fatalities with intact remains, OR	Fewer fatalities that are fragmented and/or highly dispersed Multiple jurisdictional resources	CBRNE event
Catastrophic Mass Fatality Event (Large)	> 101 fatalities with intact remains, OR	Fewer fatalities that are highly fragmented and/or highly dispersed	CBRNE event

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⁹ Public Health – Seattle & King County All Hazards Mass Fatality Management Plan, Version 3 2012, pages 5, 8.

CHAPTER 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

There are many hazards that could become a mass fatality event. Among these, are: pandemic disease, biological event; severe weather; structure collapse; terrorism, criminal incident (non-biological); transportation mishap.

Department responsibilities will change as events evolve and cannot be defined based upon incident. Rather, responsibilities are generally outlined by Emergency Support Function (ESF) in accordance with FEMA and the Milwaukee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).¹⁰

	ESF 1	ESF 2	ESF 3	ESF 4	ESF 5	ESF 6	ESF 7	ESF 8	ESF 9	ESF 10	ESF 11	ESF 12	ESF 13	ESF 14	ESF 15	ESF 16	ESF 17	ESF 18
	Transportation/ Evacuation	Communications/ Warning	Public Works/ Damage Assessment/ Debris Management	Firefighting	Emergency Management	Mass Care, Emergency Assistance & Human Services/ Functional Needs	Resource Support	Public Health	Search and Rescue	Hazardous Materials	Agriculture & Natural Resources	Energy & Utilities	Law Enforcement & Security	Long Term Community Recovery/ Volunteer & Donation Management	Public Information	Hospital & Medical Services	Animal & Veterinary Services	Fatality Management
American Red Cross	S	-	S	-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	S	S	S	S	-	S
DFIRST/DMORT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S
DHHS	S	S	-	-	-	P	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	P	-	-
Emergency Management	S	S	S	-	P	S	P	S	S	S	P	P	-	P	S	S	-	S
EMS	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-
FBI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-
Fire/EMS	S	S	S	P	-	S	S	S	P	S	S	-	S	S	S	S	S	S
Funeral Homes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S
Hospitals	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S
Law Enforcement	S	S	S	S	-	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S
Medical Examiner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	P
MC Director of Emergency Public Health (Public Health, City of Milwaukee)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	P	-
Public Health, Municipal	-	S	S	-	S	S	S	S	-	S	S	S	-	S	S	S	S	S

P – Department primarily responsible during emergency response.

S – Department which provides support during emergency response

¹⁰ CEMP, Annex III, <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Planning15643.htm>, May 29, 2014.

A. MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES¹¹

Fire/EMS

1. Provide emergency services at the disaster scene to include hazardous materials consultation, search and recovery, and gross decontamination.
2. Assist the Medical Examiner with removal/recovery of human remains.
3. Provide EMS transport of human remains to and from designated holding/storage facility.
4. Maintain records of costs and expenditures.¹²

Funeral Directors

1. Establish temporary morgues.
2. Assist in recovery, transportation, mortuary operations, identification and notification.
3. Coordinate embalming, transportation and final disposition of bodies.

Hospitals

1. Report deceased disaster-related victims to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner and/or Coroner, if applicable.
2. Maintain communications with the scene incident command and, if applicable, the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through the EOC Hospital Liaison.

Law Enforcement

1. Provide emergency services at the disaster scene to include security and investigation.
2. Secure the disaster scene to include perimeter and traffic control.
3. Provide security at designated mortuaries.
4. Provide escort of body transport to and from the fatality scene.

¹¹ TIER 1 Response Entities in accordance with the Wisconsin Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Coordination Tiers, March 1, 2014. TYPE 4 and 5 in accordance with the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness, Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP).

¹² Milwaukee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), ESF 8, and 18, November, 2013.

Public Health, Municipal¹³

1. Maintain communications with the scene incident command and, if applicable, the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through the EOC Liaison Officer.
2. Conduct medical triage and management until the organization is overwhelmed; request mutual aid through adjoining municipalities and/or Milwaukee County Emergency Management, also known as Tier 2 activation through the Healthcare Coalition.
3. Activate Mass Clinic Plans/Point of Dispensing (POD) for prophylaxis/vaccination events.
4. Ensure prophylaxis treatment of responders is planned and occurring.
5. Provide worker health and safety information during crises that may have suspected or known chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear contaminants, to include personal protective equipment information. Distribute personal protective information and/or equipment as needed and as available.
6. Monitor epidemiological conditions; ensure disease control surveillance.
7. Coordinate community services within municipal jurisdiction to include: reception center, shelter, food servicing, Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC), and family assistance Center (FAC) locations. Assist with staffing if rescue and recovery is expected to last an extended period of time.
8. Ensure dissemination of public health information to victims, local officials and interdependent agencies. This may include a municipal information hotline.
9. In consultation with public and private health professionals provide information about proper disposal of bodies, cremation vs. burial, to the coroner/funeral home as dictated in the Wis. State Statute, Chapter 157.
10. Identify temporary mortuary site, if needed.
11. Maintain daily registration records of all municipal volunteers, recording time-in and time-out.
12. Maintain records of costs and expenditures.¹⁴

¹³ Reference the on-line Milwaukee County CEMP for the most up-to-date responsibilities at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Planning15643.htm>.

¹⁴ Milwaukee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), ESF 8, and 18, November, 2013.

B. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES¹⁵

American Red Cross

1. Activate and operate a Family Assistance Center as requested by local authorities.
2. Provide State licensed medical and mental health support personnel as requested.
3. Provide shelter and feeding as needed.
4. Provide a 24-hour telephone number for emergency contacts and disaster welfare inquiries.
5. Assist in the reunification of victims and families.¹⁶

City of Milwaukee/Director of Emergency Public Health for the County of Milwaukee

1. Coordinate Public Health resources throughout Milwaukee County as requested by Incident Commanders (IC). This coordination may occur through the Area Medical Coordinating Center (AMCC), if established.
2. Monitor epidemiological conditions; ensure disease control surveillance.
3. Coordinate community services within municipal jurisdiction to include: shelter, food-servicing, and family assistance center locations.
4. Ensure dissemination of public health information to victims, local officials and interdependent agencies.
5. Maintain records of cost and expenditures.¹⁷

Hospitals

1. Establish temporary mortuary services.
2. Maintain a patient tracking system.
3. Activate the Tiered Response Plan, Tier 2 – Area Medical Coordinating Center (AMCC) – using the Medical Intelligence Center to coordinate fatality data and work in coordination with Public Health.
4. Report deceased disaster-related victims to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner.

Milwaukee County Emergency Management

1. Coordinate resources for the Medical Examiner; ensure collaboration with all units of Public Health and the Area Medical Coordinating Center (AMCC), if established.
2. Activate, operate, and manage a countywide Emergency Operations Center.

¹⁵ TIER 2 Response Entities in accordance with the Wisconsin Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Coordination Tiers, March 1, 2014. TYPE 3 in accordance with the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness, Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP).

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Milwaukee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), ESF 8, and 18, November, 2013.

3. Within twelve hours of a disaster, work effectively with the community to coordinate damage assessment and recovery operations.
4. Implement mutual aid agreements.¹⁸
5. Manage volunteers and donations.
6. Support community emergency preparedness by providing guidance and direction; ensure local planning reflects response capabilities and resources.

Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services

1. Send WiTrac alerts requesting accurate bed poll counts.
2. Provide transportation to designated medical facilities.
3. Maintain a patient casualty tracking system.
4. Perform triage and appropriate on-scene medical care to victims and responding personnel.
5. Coordinate the location, procurement, screening and allocation of health and medical supplies and resources.
6. Assist with evacuation efforts.
7. Assist hospitals with transfer of patients under the Southeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition Tiered Response Plan.
8. Maintain communications with the Area Medical Coordinating Center (AMCC (if established)), IC, EOC, hospitals and other health care facilities to provide for and/or seek support and assistance.¹⁹

Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services

1. Provide for emergency and crisis counseling.
2. Assist with shelter operations to include the provision of caregivers and case managers.
3. Assist with the coordination of long-term housing.

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office

1. Investigate and determine the cause, circumstances and manner in each case of sudden, unexpected or unusual death.
2. Detect/confirm tuberculosis, hepatitis, meningitis and other infectious diseases through required investigations.²⁰
3. Coordinate decontamination at the incident scene with Fire/EMS.
4. Identify potential mortuary sites and/or storage facilities to include refrigeration units, trucks, etc.
5. Coordinate mortuary services.
6. Assist with next of kin notifications.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Milwaukee County Medical Examiner URL, <http://county.milwaukee.gov/MedicalExaminer7718.htm>, May, 2014.

7. When Death Involves an Infectious Disease – Wis. s.s. 979.012 Reporting deaths of public health concern.
- (1) If a Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner is aware of the death of a person who, at the time of his or her death, had an illness or a health condition that satisfies s. §323.02 (16) (a) or if the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner knows or suspects that the person had a communicable disease that, under rules promulgated by the department of health and family services, must be reported to a local health officer or to the state epidemiologist, the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner shall report the illness, health condition, or communicable disease to the department of health and family services and to the local health department, as defined in §250.01 (4), in whose jurisdiction the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner is located in writing or by electronic transmission within 24 hours of learning of the deceased’s illness, health condition, or communicable disease.
 - (2) In a report under sub. (1), the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner shall include all of the following information if such information is available:
 - (a) The illness, health condition, or communicable disease of the deceased.
 - (b) The name, date of birth, gender, race, occupation, and home and work addresses of the deceased.
 - (c) The name and address of the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner.
 - (d) If the illness, health condition, or communicable disease was related to an animal or insect bite, the suspected location where the bite occurred and the name and address of the owner of the animal or insect, if an owner is identified. History: 2001 a. 109; 2005 a. 198.

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C. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES²¹

DFIRST

1. Support local authorities and provide technical assistance and personnel to recover, identify, and process deceased victims.
2. Provide temporary portable mortuary facilities.

D. FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES²²

DMORT

1. Support local authorities and provide technical assistance and personnel to recover, identify, and process deceased victims.
2. Provide forensic pathologists and mortuary personnel for assistance.
3. Provide temporary portable mortuary facilities.

FBI – Victim Specialist

1. The FBI Victim Assistance Rapid Deployment Team is available to respond to situations that involve federal crimes and/or local/state mass casualty crimes, upon request.

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²¹ TIER 4 Response Entities in accordance with the Wisconsin Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Coordination Tiers, March 1, 2014. TYPE 2 in accordance with the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness, Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP).

²² TIER 6 Response Entities in accordance with the Wisconsin Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Coordination Tiers, March 1, 2014. TYPE 1 in accordance with the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness, Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP).

CHAPTER 4. MORTUARY CAPABILITIES

A. MORTUARY CAPACITY

Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
All Zones, Government entities	DFIRST (608) 284-6000 (608) 266-4948	40					
	DMORT (800) 943-0003 x2						
	Kenosha Co. Medical Examiner Patrice Hall 8600 Sheridan Rd, Kenosha 53143 (262) 656-1234 Kenosha Memorial Hospital, 6308 8th Ave	2 in freezer, 8 in cooler					
	Milwaukee Co. Medical Examiner Brian Peterson 933 W Highland Av, Milwaukee 53233 (414) 223-1200	27 (more w/cots)					
	Ozaukee Co. Coroner Tom Deppisch 10740 N Cedarburg Rd, Mequon 53092 (262) 238-8425	2 in freezer, 6 in cooler					
	Racine Co. Medical Examiner Michael J. Payne 730 Wisconsin Av, Racine 53403 (262) 636-3303/886-2300	0 Funeral Homes only					
	Waukesha Co. Medical Examiner Lynda Biedrzycki 515 W Moreland, Waukesha 53188 (262) 446-5070	26					
All Zones,	Church & Chapel, Waukesha Co. Ritter-Larsen Bros. Chapel	0					

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Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
Funeral Homes	1875 N Calhoun Road, Brookfield WI 53005 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659						
	Church & Chapel, Waukesha Co. Ritter-Larsen Bros. Chapel 15250 W National Ave, New Berlin WI 53151 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659	0					
	Church & Chapel, Waukesha Co. Rudolph-Larsen Chapel 380 Bluemound Rd Waukesha WI 53188 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659	0					
	Heritage, Waukesha Co. 16880 W National Ave, New Berlin WI 53151 (262) 901-1140	0					
	Max A. Sass, Waukesha Co. Westwood Chapel W173 S7629 Westwood Dr, Muskego WI 53150 (262) 679-1560	0					
	Schmidt-Bartlett, Waukesha Co. N84 W17937 Menomonee Ave, Menomonee Falls 53051 (262) 251-3630	2 coolers, 6 walk-in, 3 slide-out					
	Schmidt-Bartlett, Waukesha Co. 930 Main St, Mukwonago 53149 (262) 363-7126	5 in cooler					
	Schmidt-Bartlett, Waukesha Co. W250 N6505 Hwy 164 (262) 246-4774	0					
	Schmidt-Bartlett, Waukesha Co. 121 S Cross St, Oconomowoc 53066 (262) 567-4459	4 in cooler					
	Schmidt-Bartlett, Ozaukee Co. 10280 N Port Washington Rd, Mequon 53092 (262) 241-8085	3 in cooler					

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Zone A	Feerick 2025 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood WI 53211 (414) 962-8383	0	4	2	4	N	-
	Goodman-Bensman 4750 N Santa Monica Blvd, Whitefish Bay WI 53217 (414) 964-3111 Funeral Director Tom Andrus	Walk-in cooler, 16 total 12 w/ shelves & 4 tables	1	2	-	N	-
	North Shore Funeral Home 3601 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood WI 53211 (414) 961-1812	1	-	-	-	N	-
	Zwaska 4900 W Bradley Rd, Brown Deer WI 53223 (414) 354-5330	0	Contractor service	1	-	N	-
Zone B	Arlene E Wilson 3621 W Villard Ave, Milwaukee 53212 (414) 294-8494	0	3	2	5	N	-
	Brett 2001 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI (414) 342-0692	3, parking lot can hold 2 semi's	1	1	4	Y	3
	Bruskiewitz 5355 W Forest Home, Milwaukee 53220 (414) 321-1700	2	2	2	4	N	-
	Church & Chapel Bistricky-Irsch-Grosse Larsen Chapel Milwaukee Northwest 6709 W Capitol Dr Milwaukee WI 53216 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659	0					
	Church & Chapel Ryczek-Larsen Bros. Chapel, Milwaukee	0					

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Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
South	1910 Becher St, Milwaukee WI 53216 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659						
	Dignity Memorial Schramka 7841 W Appleton Ave, Milwaukee WI 53218 (414) 464-4040	6	6	1	6	Y	8 between two funeral homes
	Heritage 3801 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee WI 53207 (414) 744-7039	0	-	-	-		
	Heritage 6615 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee WI 53219 (414) 321-7440	0	-	-	-		
	J Davis 2729 N 39 th St, Milwaukee 53210 (414) 444-8300	0	2	1	7	N	-
	Krause 9000 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee 53222 (414) 464-4640, Jeff K.	9 in 1 cold room	4	2	40	Y	10
	Krause 7001 W Brown Deer Rd, Milwaukee 53223 (414) 375-9414	30 in 2 cold rooms	4	-	-	Y	10
	Krause Informed Choice 2247 S 108 th St, Milwaukee 53227 (414) 327-2500	9 in 1 cold room	4	-	-	Y	10
	Leon L Williamson 2157 N 12 th St, Milwaukee 53205 (414) 374-1812	0	2	1	4	N	-
	Max A. Sass Oklahoma Chapel 1515 W Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee WI 53215 (414) 645-4992	12 in cooler	12	5	34	1 (Greenfield Facility)	3 per day (Greenfield Facility)
	New Pitts Mortuary 2031 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee 53206	0	2	2	5	N	-

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Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
	(414) 447-6000						
	Northwest Funeral Chapel 6630 W Hampton Ave, Milwaukee 53218 (414) 312-5957, (414) 462-6020	3 in cooler	11	2	4	Under constructio n	-
	Paradise Memorial 7625 W Appleton Ave, Milwaukee 53222 (414) 461-8000	0	4	2	15	N	-
	Peace of Mind 5325 W Greenfield Ave, Milwaukee 53214 (414) 453-1562	24	3	2	6	N	-
	Peace of Mind 2366 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee 53207 (414) 453-1562	16	3	2	6	N	-
	Prassar-Kleczka Bay View Chapel 3275 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee 53207 (414) 483-2322	25	6	1	10	Constructio n complete 9/2014	-
	Prassar-Kleczka South Suburban Chapel 6080 S 27 th St, Milwaukee 53221 (414) 282-6080	0	6	1	10	N	-
	Raasch Raetz 7709 W Burleigh St, Milwaukee 53222 (414) 445-7101	0	1	2	4	N	-
	Reid's New Golden Gate 5665/2535 N Teutonia Ave, Milwaukee 53209 (414) 358-0538	0	4	2	10	N	-
	Rozga 703 W Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee 53215 (414) 671-5200	0	3	3	6	N	-
	Rozga-Walloch 4309 S 20 th St, Milwaukee 53221 (414) 281-7145	0	2	-	-	N	-

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Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
	Schmidt-Bartlett 10121 W North Ave, Wauwatosa 53226	6					
	Suminski Family Life Story Suminski/Weiss 1901 N Farwell Ave, Milwaukee 53202 (414) 276-5122	6	2	2	6	N	-
	Suminski Family Life Story Niemann/Suminski 2486 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee 53207 (414) 744-5156	0	2	1	3	N	-
Zone C	Bevsek-Verbick 10210 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis 53227 (414) 546-4342	7	3	1	4	Y	6
	Church & Chapel Skubal-Slattery Koelsch Larsen 7626 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis WI 53214 (414) 476-0052, (262) 827-0659	0					
	Krause FH & Cremation Services 9000 W Capital Dr, Wauwatosa 53213 (414) 464-4640	9					
	Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Services 10121 W North Ave, Wauwatosa 53213 (414) 774-5010	6					
Zone D	Dignity Memorial Schramka-Borgwardt 11030 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 425-6060	0	8 total, at Central Care Facility	2 stations at the Central Care Facility	-	-	-
	Hartson 11111 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners WI 53130 (414) 425-9797	0	6	1	-	1 Constructio Complete 12/2014	10, 2.5 hours each
	Heritage	0	2	-	-		

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Zones	Address	Morgue # decedents	Licensed Embalmers	Embalming Stations	Embalming Capacity #/day	Cremation Services	Cremation Capacity #/day
	4800 S 84 th St, Greenfield WI 53228 (414) 281-5533						
	Max A. Sass Mission Hills Chapel 8910 W Drexel Ave, Franklin WI 53132 (414) 427-0707	4					
	Max A. Sass Greenridge Chapel 4747 S 60 th , Greenfield WI 53220 (414) 282-4050	4					
Zone E	Church & Chapel Ryczek-Larsen Bros. Chapel 3774 E Underwood, Cudahy WI 53110 (414) 476-0052/744-7377, (262) 827-0659	0	16			1	8
	Dignity Memorial Molthen Bell 700 Milwaukee Ave, South Milwaukee WI 53172 (414) 762-0154	3	2	1	2	Y	8 between two funeral homes
	Forest Hill Memorial Park Cemetery 3301 E Forest Hill Ave, Oak Creek WI 53154 (414) 762-4446	-	-	-	-	N	3, 8 hours each
	Heritage 9200 S 27 th St, Oak Creek WI 53154 (414) 761-2750	0	-	-	-		
	Max A. Sass South Shore Chapel 1314 Manitoba Ave, South Milwaukee WI 53172 (414) 304-5745						

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B. INVENTORIES

Zones	Location	Bio-Seal	Body Bags	Cots	Embalmng Fluid (cases)	Face-shields	Gloves (pair)	Gowns	Masks	Other	
All Zones	DFIRST (608) 284-6000 (608) 266-4948										
	DMORT (800) 943-0003 x2										
	Milwaukee Cache	5 sealers, 36" x 300' roll	200 adult, 100 infant, 100 pediatric				XL 100 L 100 M 100 XS 100 50 High Risk XL 50 High Risk L 50 High Risk M 50 High Risk S	100 aprons 25 Bunny Suits 2XL 25 Bunny Suits XL 25 Bunny Suits L 25 Bunny Suits M	1120 surg masks	12 pairs of boots, 100 pair of Tyvek boot covers 300 pair boot covers 1,000 toe tags 200 biohazard bags 1000 toe tage 600 black flags 600 evidence bags	
	Milwaukee Co. EMS (414) 257-6661										
	Ozaukee Co. Coroner 1201 S Spring St Port Washington 53074 (262) 284-8455										
	Racine Co. Medical Examiner 730 Wisconsin Av Racine 53403 (262) 636-3303										
	Waukesha Co. Medical Examiner 515 W Moreland Waukesha 53188 (262) 446-5070										
Zone A	North Shore HD – North 4800 W Green Brook Brown Deer 53223; (414) 371-2980 (414) 870-0290						1 case	60	N95 700, various; Surgical Masks 200	250 biohazard bags	

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Zones	Location	Bio-Seal	Body Bags	Cots	Embalming Fluid (cases)	Face-shields	Gloves (pair)	Gowns	Masks	Other
	South 2010 E Shorewood Blvd, Shorewood 53211 (414) 371-2980 (414) 870-0290	-					1 case	60	N95 700, various; Surgical Masks 200	250 biohazard bags
Zone B	Milwaukee Co. Medical Examiner 933 W Highland Av 53233 (414) 223-1200									
	Milwaukee HD 841 N Broadway 3 rd Floor 53202 (414) 286-3521									
Zone C	Wauwatosa HD 7725 W North Av 53213 (414) 479-8936									
	West Allis HD 7120 W National Av 53214 (414) 302-8600									
Zone D	Greendale HD Village Hall 6500 Northway 53129 (414) 423-2110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N95 M 1,050 N95 S 420	-
	Greenfield HD 7325 W Forest Home Ave 53220 (414) 329-6155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N95 90	-

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Zones	Location	Bio-Seal	Body Bags	Cots	Embalmng Fluid (cases)	Face-shields	Gloves (pair)	Gowns	Masks	Other
	Hales Corners HD 5885 S 116 th St 53130 (414) 529-5275	-	-	2	-	50	2,000	50	N95 200	25 pr shoe-covers
	Franklin HD 9229 W Loomis Rd 53132 (414) 425-9101	-	-	-	-	-	XL 150 L 1,500 M 900 S 600	-	N95 L 90 N95 M 360 N95 S 240	-
	Hartson FH 11111 W Janesville Hales Corners 53130 (414) 425-9797	12	Various	9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
Zone E	Cudahy HD 5050 S Lake Dr 53110 (414) 769-2239	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N95 1,160	-
	Oak Creek HD 8640 S Howell Ave Oak Creek 53154 (414) 768-6521	-	10	1 bariatric	-	75 full, 450 half	28 boxes	280 gowns, 30 coveralls	N95 2,600	200 biohazard bags
	St. Francis HD 4235 S Nicholson Av 53235 (414) 481-2300	-	-	-	-	-	100 L 200 M	40 isolation gowns w/ knit cuffs, 10 reg gowns, 2 jumpsuits	2 CPR Masks, 25 fluid- resistant masks w/wrap- around eye shields, 80 ear- loop masks, N95 M 440 N95 S 20 N95 20 XS	3 goggles, 300 shoe covers
	South Milwaukee HD 2424 15 th Ave 53172 (414) 768-8055	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 cases	12 Tyvek suits	N95 M 1,570 N 95 S 140

C. RESOURCES/VENDORS

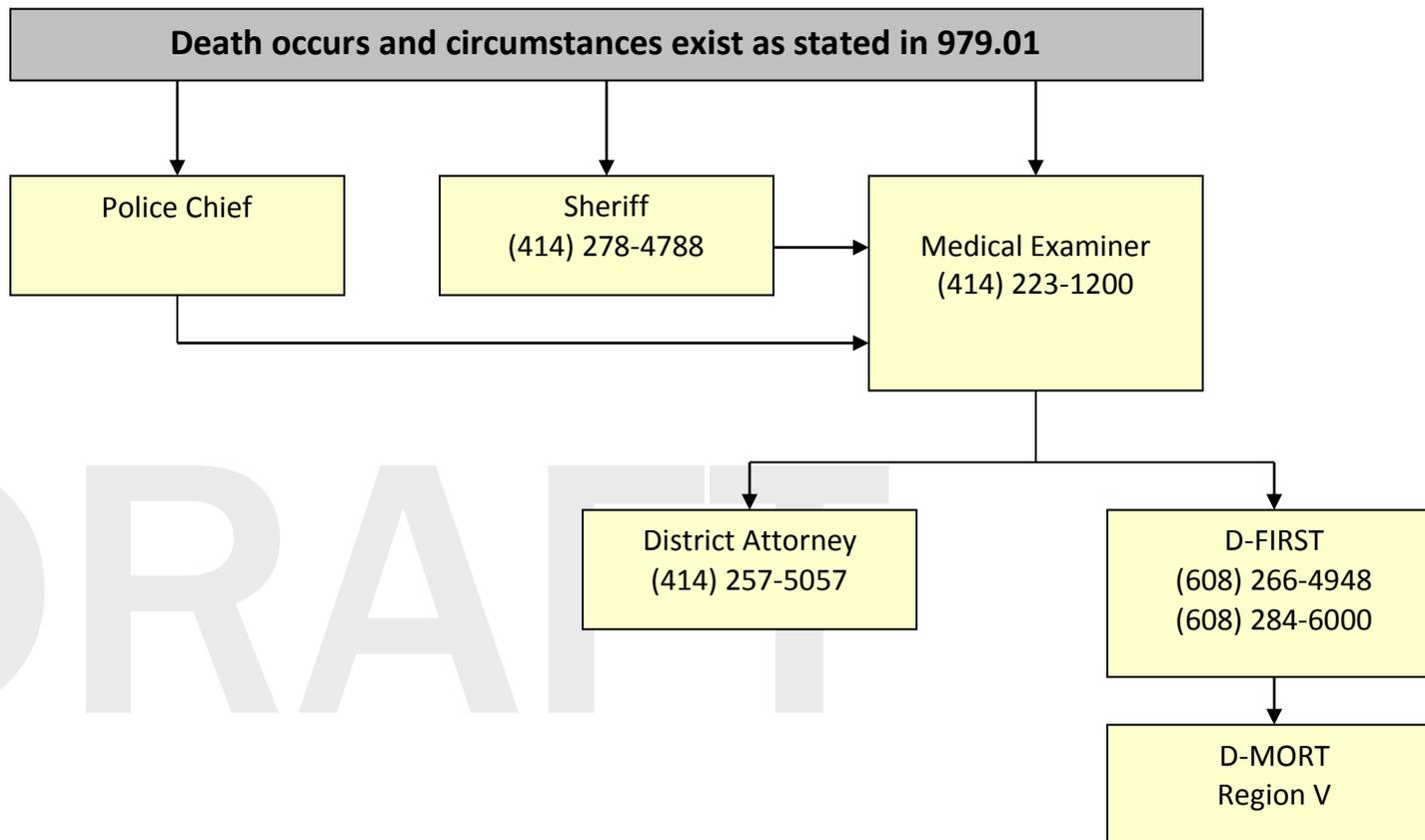
Zones	Resource	Item
All Zones	Central Refrigerated Services, Inc. 5175 West 2100 South, West Valley City, UT 84120 (800) 351-4752	One of the largest temperature controlled truckload carriers in the nation.
	Froedtert CONEX box at GMIA	Instructors and facilities for mortuary sciences.
	MATC Funeral Services Program 1200 S 71 st St, West Allis, WI 53214 (414) 456-5600	
Zone A		
Zone B	Midwest Refrigerated Services (MRS) 1225 W County Line Road, Milwaukee, 53224 (608) 838-5550 X222, Jim Zantow, GM	Refrigerated Trucks
	Balistreri Trucking 4359 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, 53207 (414) 278-7222	29 Refrigerated Trucks
Zone C		
Zone D		
Zone E	Black Horse Carriers, Inc. 9342 S 13 th St, Oak Creek 53154 (414) 762-9513	29 Refrigerated Trucks
	Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. 5120 International Drive, Ste 400, Cudahy WI 53110 (414) 294-4330	Dry Ice

D. D-FIRST CAPABILITIES

The Dane County Fatality Incident Response Support Team (D-FIRST) is a state resource mobilized by the Medical Examiner. The D-FIRST inventory is vast and an addendum to this plan. The critical components, however, are two 18’ refrigerated trailers with generators. Each trailer can hold 20 bodies on stainless shelving. The generator allows for stand-alone operational staging or landline operation.

CHAPTER 5. OPERATIONS

A. NOTIFICATIONS



Wisconsin State Statute 979.01 defines fatality circumstances which must be reported to the Medical Examiner as:

- (a) All deaths in which there are unexplained, unusual or suspicious circumstances.
- (b) All homicides.
- (c) All suicides.
- (d) All deaths following an abortion.
- (e) All deaths due to poisoning, whether homicidal, suicidal or accidental.
- (f) All deaths following accidents, whether the injury is or is not the primary cause of death.

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- (h) When a physician refuses to sign the death certificate.
- (i) When, after reasonable efforts, a physician cannot be obtained to sign the medical certification within 6 days after the pronouncement of death or sooner under circumstances which the Coroner/Medical Examiner or medical examiner determines to be an emergency.

When County resources are approaching their capacity to manage the number of deaths, to include the exhaustion of mutual aid, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner may request D-FIRST mobilization and deployment to the incident. The D-FIRST team may also be called if specialize personnel or equipment is needed (consider the team's services as a shopping list). The Dane County Medical Examiner Director of Operations will initiate the deployment and is reached at (608) 266-4948.

The Dane County Medical Examiner's Director of Operations will mobilize the DFIRST unit. The DFIRST contact numbers are answered by the Dane County Public Safety Communications Center.

If a situation exists where D-FIRST cannot respond, or additional resources will be needed, the Medical Examiner will be referred to the Region V DMORT Commander by D-FIRST.

County Elected Officials

County Executive	(414) 278-4211		
District Attorney	(414) 257-5057		
Sheriff	(414) 278-4788		

County/City Departments

Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Mobile Crisis Team	(414) 257-7222		
City of Milwaukee Public Health	(414) 286-3521		
DHHS	(414) 289-6027		
Disaster Mental Health Task Force (DMHTF)	Dr. Tony Thrasher (414) 257-4789 (o)	(414) 801-9969 (m)	(248) 272-1021 (p)
Emergency Management	(414) 525-5770		
Medical Examiner	(414) 223-1200		

State Departments

WI DHS	(608) 258-0099 24/7		
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Federal Departments

FAA	(866) 835-5322
FBI – Milwaukee Field Office	(414) 276-4684 – for situations involving federal crimes or local/state mass casualty events only, upon request.
NTSB Response Operations Center (ROC) Washington, DC	(844) 373-9922 – 24/7Watch Officer

Hospitals

Aurora St. Luke’s 2900 W Oklahoma Ave, 53215	(414) 219-6666	Lynn Schubert	
Aurora Sinai 945 N 12 th St, Milwaukee 53233	(414) 219-6666	Lynn Schubert	
Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore 5900 S Lake Dr, Cudahy 53110	(414) 219-5034	Tom Auger	
Aurora West Allis Memorial 8901 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis 53227	(414) 328-6111		
Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin 9000 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee 53226	(414) 266-2626	Mike Thiel	
Columbia St. Mary’s 2311 N Prospect Ave, Milwaukee 53211	(414) 291-1469		
Froedtert 9200 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee 53226	(414) 805-6717	Diana Ash	
Wheaton Franciscan Franklin 10101 S 27 th St, Franklin 53132	(414) 325-8460		
Wheaton Franciscan St. Francis 3237 S 16 th St, Milwaukee 53215	(414) 647-5165		
Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph 5000 W Chambers St, Milwaukee 53210	(414) 447-2171	Carolyn Brookshire	
Wheaton Franciscan Wis. Heart 10000 W Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa 53226	(414) 778-7800		
Veteran’s Administration Medical Center 5000 W National Ave, Milwaukee 53295	(414) 384-2000 x41885	Mary Jane Whitehouse	

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Non-Governmental Offices

American Red Cross	(414) 659-0373	(414) 345-8680	
Salvation Army	(414) 302-4300		
Team Rubicon	Glen Hannaman (310) 640-8787		
WELS – Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod & Kingdom Workers	Pastor Rich Warnecke (262) 424-8792 (m)	Neil Hankwitz (414) 771-6848 (o) (262) 716-3374 (m)	

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Incident Management Team (IMT)	Mark Stigler (262) 691-5385 (o) (262) 442-7705 (m)	Phil Horter (262) 787-3563 (o) (414) 313-4315 (m)	Peter Jensen (414) 791-5751 (m)
	Chief Rob Ugaste (414) 840-7294 (o)		
WEM SEOC	(800) 943-0003		
WI DHS	(608) 258-0099		

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B. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

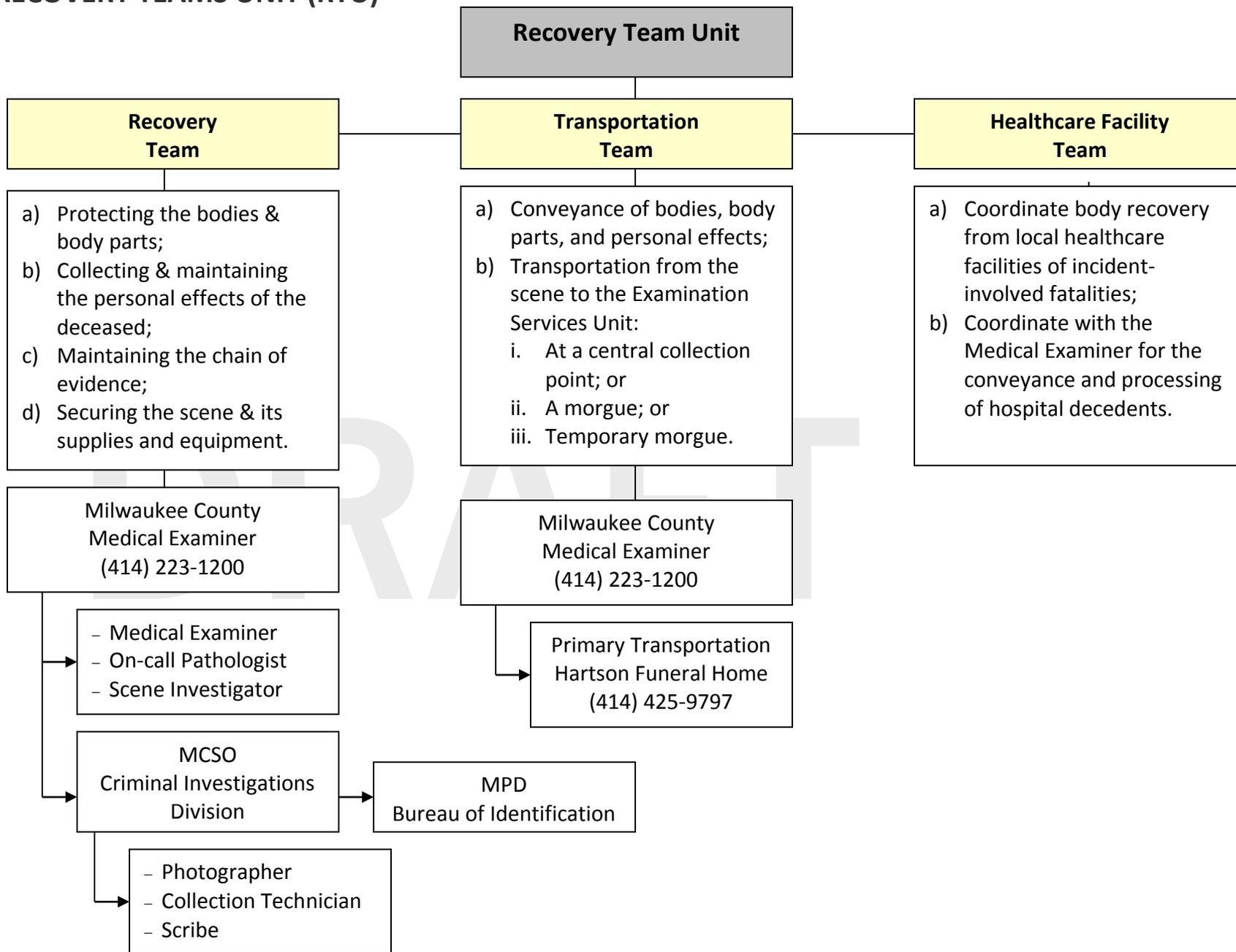
Zone	EOC	Alternate EOC	
All Zones	Agility Recovery – Mobile Office Space, Comm’s, Data, Power \$40,000 for 30 days, 48 persons (power, space, communications, data) (414) 525-5770		
Zone A	Brown Deer Police Dept 4800 W Green Brook Dr, Brown Deer 53223 (414) 870-0290 (On-call POC)	Shorewood Police Dept 3936 N Murray Av, Shorewood 53211 (414) 847-2610	Nicolet High School 6701 N Jean Nicolet, Glendale 53217 (414) 351-1700
Zone B	Milwaukee Health Department 1841 N Broadway, 3 rd floor, Milwaukee 53202 (414) 286-3521		
	Emergency Management & Homeland Security 200 E Wells St, Room 605, Milwaukee 53202 (414) 286-5062		
	Milwaukee Police Department, Police Administration Building, 951 N James Lovell St, 7 th floor Conference Room, Milwaukee 53233 (414) 933-4444		
	Criminal Justice Facility 949 N 9 th St, 2 nd floor Conference Room, Milwaukee 53233 (414) 525-5770		
Zone C	MCSO Command Post 821 W State St, 1 st floor Safety Building, Milwaukee 53233 (414) 525-5770		
	Wauwatosa City Hall 7725 W North Ave, Committee Room #1, 53213 (414) 479-8917	Wauwatosa Police Department 1700 N 116 th St, Wauwatosa 53213 (414) 471-8430	
	West Allis Police Dept 11301 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis 53227 (414) 302-8000	West Allis Fire Administration 7332 W National Ave, West Allis 53214 (414) 302-8900	
Zone D	Sheriff Training Academy 9225 S 68 th St, Classrooms 3 and 4, Franklin 53212 (414) 525-5770		
	Franklin Police Department 9455 W Loomis Rd, Franklin 53132 (414) 425-2522	Franklin Public Library 9151 W Loomis Rd, Franklin 53132 (414) 425-8214	
	Greendale Safety Center 5911 W Grange Ave, Greendale 53129 (414) 423-2121	Greendale Health Dept 5650 Parking St, Greendale 53129 (414) 423-2110	
	Greenfield Law Enforcement Center 5300 W Layton Ave, Greenfield 53220 (414) 761-5300	Greenfield Fire Station #2 4333 S 92 nd St, Greenfield 53228 (414) 545-7946	

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Zone	EOC	Alternate EOC
	Hales Corners Village Hall 5635 S New Berlin Rd, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 529-6161	Hales Corners Library Building 5885 S 116 St, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 529-6150
Zone E	Cudahy City Hall 5050 S. Lake Drive, Basement, Cudahy 53110 (414) 769-2200	School District of Cudahy 2915 East Ramsey, Cudahy 53110 (414) 294-7400
	Oak Creek Police Dept 301 W Ryan Rd, Courtroom, Oak Creek 53154 (414) 762-8200	Oak Creek City Hall 8640 S Howell Ave, Basement, Oak Creek 53154 (414) 768-6500
	South Milwaukee Fire Dept 929 Marshall Ct, Basement, SM 53172 (414) 768-8191	South Milwaukee Health Dept 2424 15 th Ave, Clinic/Conf. Room, South Milwaukee 53172 (414) 768-8055
	St Francis Public Library 4320 S Nicholson Ave, St. Francis 53235 (414) 481-7323	Oak Creek Police Dept 301 W Ryan Rd, Courtroom, Oak Creek 53154 (414) 762-8200

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C. RECOVERY TEAMS UNIT (RTU)



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The Recovery Team Unit (RTU) operates at the scene of an incident and recovers, tracks, and transports human remains and personal effects.

The RTU is comprised of three Teams. The Recovery Team is responsible for human remains and personal effects at the scene. The Transportation Team conveys these remains and effects from the scene to the morgue/Examination Services Unit (ESU). And, finally, the Healthcare Facility Team coordinates body recovery from healthcare facilities which may have incident-involved fatalities.

Documentation of the recovery process is extremely critical for investigators and for the families involved. Documentation will include photographing, geographic coordinates, descriptive terminology and of course, timestamps. All documentation will be provided to the Information Resource Center for appropriate dissemination and storage.

Milwaukee County transportation assets are listed in the table below. Availability is entirely contingent upon day-to-day operations with priority given to the living. Allocation of resources shall in no way effect daily rescue services to local citizens.

As stated earlier, when County resources are approaching their capacity to manage the number of deaths, to include the exhaustion of mutual aid, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner may request D-FIRST mobilization and deployment to the incident. The D-FIRST team may also be called if specialize personnel or equipment is needed (consider the team's services as a shopping list). The Dane County Medical Examiner Director of Operations will initiate the deployment and is reached at (608) 266-4948.

Transportation Assets

Zones	Agency	Address	Transportation Assets ²³	
All Zones	Ambulance/EMS, Private	Bell Ambulance 549 E Wilson St, Milwaukee 53207 (414) 264-2355	Mon – Fri 30 staffed ambulances	Sat – Sun 22-24 staffed ambulances
		Curtis Ambulance 316 N Milwaukee St, Milwaukee 53201 (414) 276-7711	Mon – Fri	Sat – Sun
		MedaCare 2515 W Vliet St, Milwaukee 53205 (414) 342-0226	Mon – Fri 9-11 staffed ambulances	Sat – Sun 7 staffed ambulances
		Paratech 3336 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee 53216 (414) 358-1111	Mon – Fri 20-25 staffed ambulances	Sat – Sun 15-20 staffed ambulances

²³ The availability of all transportation assets is contingent upon services required for survivors and day-to-day rescue operations.

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Zones	Agency	Address	Transportation Assets ²³
	Coroner, Medical Examiner	PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Hartson Funeral Home 11111 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 425-9797	3 vans (2/van), 1 hearse
		Ozaukee Co. Coroner 1201 S Spring St, Port Washington 53074 (262) 284-8455	
		Racine Co. Medical Examiner 730 Wisconsin Av, Racine 53403 (262) 636-3303	
		Waukesha Co. Medical Examiner 515 W Moreland, Waukesha 53188 (262) 446-5070	
	Funeral Home	Church & Chapel All locations	
		Heritage All locations	
		Krausse All locations	
		Max A Sass All locations	3 vans, 2 hearses
		Schmidt-Bartlett All locations	
	Private Transportation	Andrus Limousine Service, Inc. 6525 W Burleigh St, Milwaukee 53210 (414) 445-5060	Primary POC who can reach other assets in the County for additional support; Multiple vans and SUVs; 1-2 decedents per asset.
Zone A	Fire Dept/EMS	North Shore FD Administrative Headquarters: Fire Station #81 4401 W River Lane, Brown Deer 53223 (414) 357-0113	4-6 decedents could be transported using a total of four ambulances total
		Funeral Home	Feerick 2025 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood 53211 (414) 962-8383
		North Shore FH 3601 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood 53211 (414) 961-1812	Contracts with Andrus; 1 vehicle, 1 decedent
		Zwaska	1 vehicle, 2 decedents

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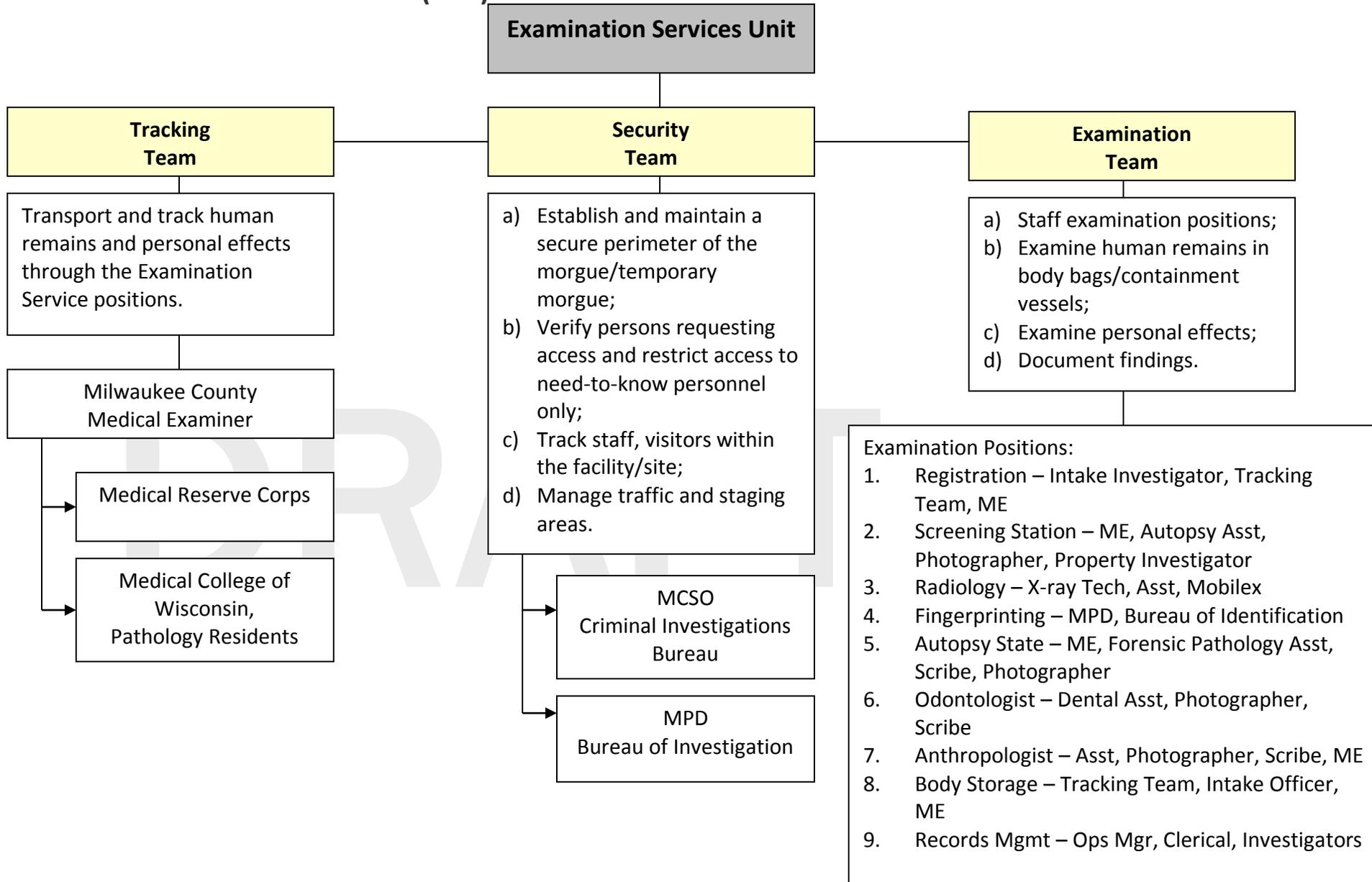
Zones	Agency	Address	Transportation Assets ²³
		4900 W Bradley, Brown Deer 53223 (414) 354-5330	
Zone B	Fire Dept/EMS	Wauwatosa FD 1601 Underwood Ave, Wauwatosa 53213 (414) 471-8490	
		West Allis FD 7332 W National Av, West Allis 53214 (414) 302-8900	
	Funeral Home	Reid's New Golden Gate 5665 N Teutonia Ave & 2535 N Teutonia Ave, Milwaukee 53209 (414) 358-0538 & (414) 264-0600	2 hearses, 1 van
Zone C	Fire Dept/EMS		
	Funeral Home		
Zone D	Fire Dept/EMS	Cudahy Emergency Medical Services Fleet Fire Station #1, 4626 S Packard Ave, Cudahy 53110 (414) 769-2231 Fire Station #2, 3115 E Ramsey Ave, Cudahy 53110 (414) 769-2232	2 x Basic Life Support ambulances 1 x Fire Command Unit (reserve ambulance)
		Greendale FD 6200 W Loomis Rd, Greendale 53219 (414) 423-2131	2 x ambulances
	Greenfield FD Headquarters: Station Two 4333 S 92 nd St, Greenfield 53228 (414) 545-7946	4 total decedents 2 x pick-up/utility trucks, 2 decedents each	
	Hales Corners FD 10000 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners, 53130 (414) 529-6168	1 decedent could be transported	
	Franklin FD 8901 W Drexel Ave, Franklin 53132 (414) 425-1420	10 x ambulances	
	Funeral Home	Dignity Memorial, Schramka-Borgwardt 11030 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 425-6060	3 vans (2/van), 1 van (4/van)
	Zone E	Fire Dept/EMS	St Francis FD 4235 S Nicholson Ave, St Francis 53235 (414) 483-4424

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Zones	Agency	Address	Transportation Assets ²³
		SMFD 929 Marshall Ct, South Milwaukee, 53172 (414) 768-8191	5 decedents could be transported

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D. EXAMINATION SERVICES UNIT (ESU)



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The Examination Services Unit (ESU) receives human remains and personal effects from the RTU's Transportation Team and performs mortuary services at the morgue or temporary morgue/mortuary facility.

The ESU is comprised of three teams, Examination, Tracking, and Security. The Examination Team is staffed with medical professionals that conduct identification and investigation. The Tracking Team controls the transport and identification of human remains and personal effects within the morgue. Lastly, the Security Team consists of public safety and/or law enforcement personnel who provide site security and manage traffic and staging.

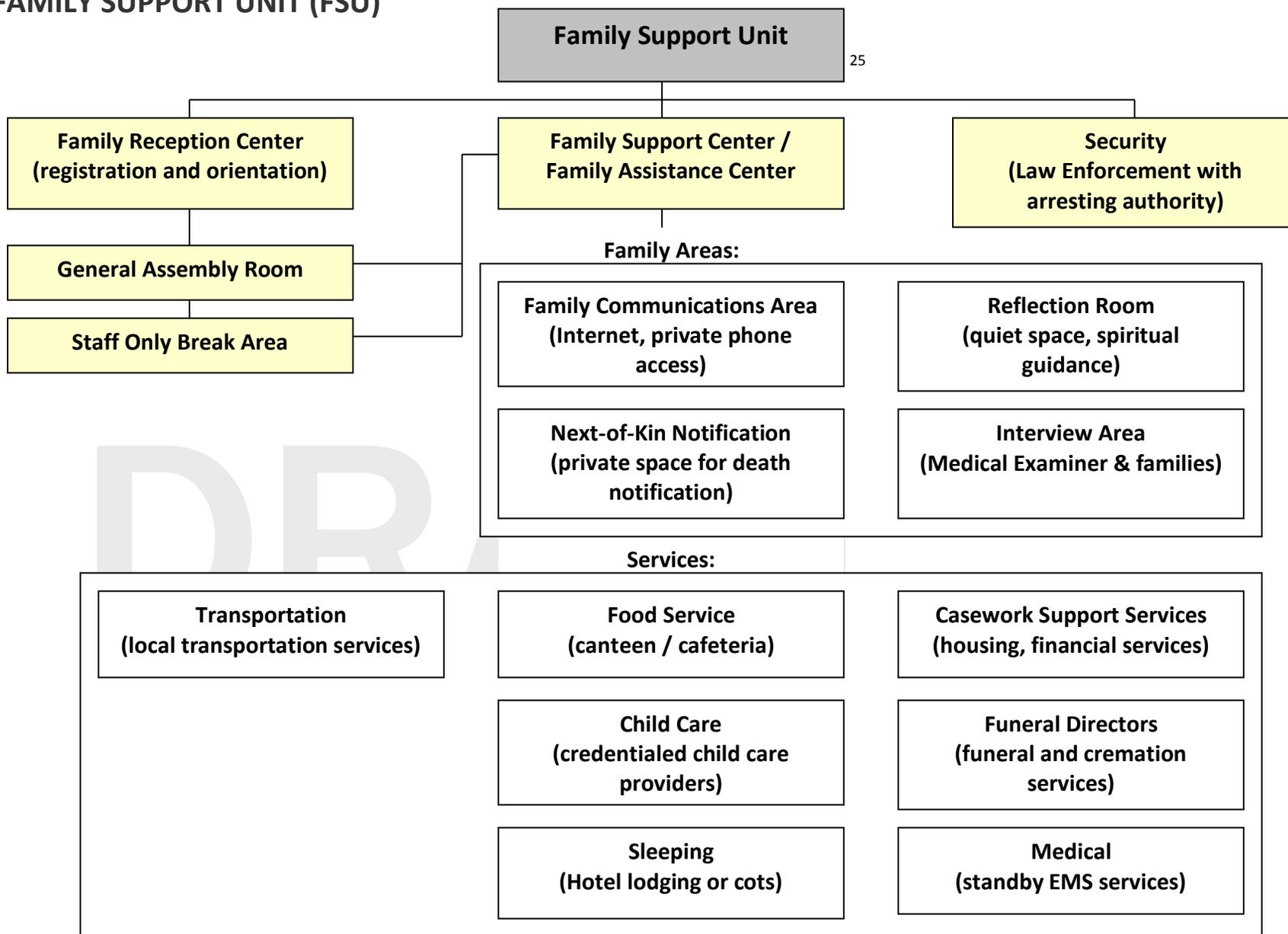
As stated earlier, when County resources are approaching their capacity to manage the number of deaths, to include the exhaustion of mutual aid, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner may request D-FIRST mobilization and deployment to the incident. The D-FIRST team may also be called if specialize personnel or equipment is needed (consider the team's services as a shopping list). The Dane County Medical Examiner Director of Operations will initiate the deployment and is reached at (608) 266-4948.

Temporary Mortuary Areas for the ESU²⁴

Zones	Location
Zone A	
Zone B	Army National Guard Armory 4108 N. Richards St., Milwaukee 53212 (414)
	General Mitchell Air National Guard 1919 E. Grange Ave., Milwaukee 53207 (414)
Zone C	
Zone D	
Zone E	National Guard Armory 8520 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek 53154 (414)

²⁴ Generally must be 10-12,000 sq. ft. of enclosed space with electricity, plumbing, HVAC, and an impervious ground.

E. FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT (FSU)



²⁵ Consider a virtual support unit in the case of contagion or when social distancing is required.

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The Family Support Unit is responsible for sharing information with family members of victims. This includes search and recovery, handling of personal effects, status of the disaster investigation, and victim identification efforts.

The FSU collects antemortem data about the deceased from the family members in order to assist with identification. Postmortem data, i.e., morgue data, is combined with antemortem information at the Information Management Unit (IMU) to make proper identifications. Upon Medical Examiner approval, the information is passed to the FSU who then makes next-of-kin notification.

The FSU will provide support services to family members such as mental health counseling, health support, childcare, and funeral director services. These services are co-located and may involve significant assistance from the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Emergency Management.

The FSU operates from a location often referred to as a Family Assistance Center (FAC).

The American Red Cross are experts in establishing Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) which provide a few of the functions listed in the diagram above under services. However, the MARC offers greater social services to include financial assistance, insurance carriers, and health and human services. Collaboration with the American Red Cross is strongly encouraged to ensure the greatest number of services are represented. Flexibility should be sought in establishing a MARC within the FSU, or very near, enabling the greatest accessibility for families.

Recommended Locations for the FSU

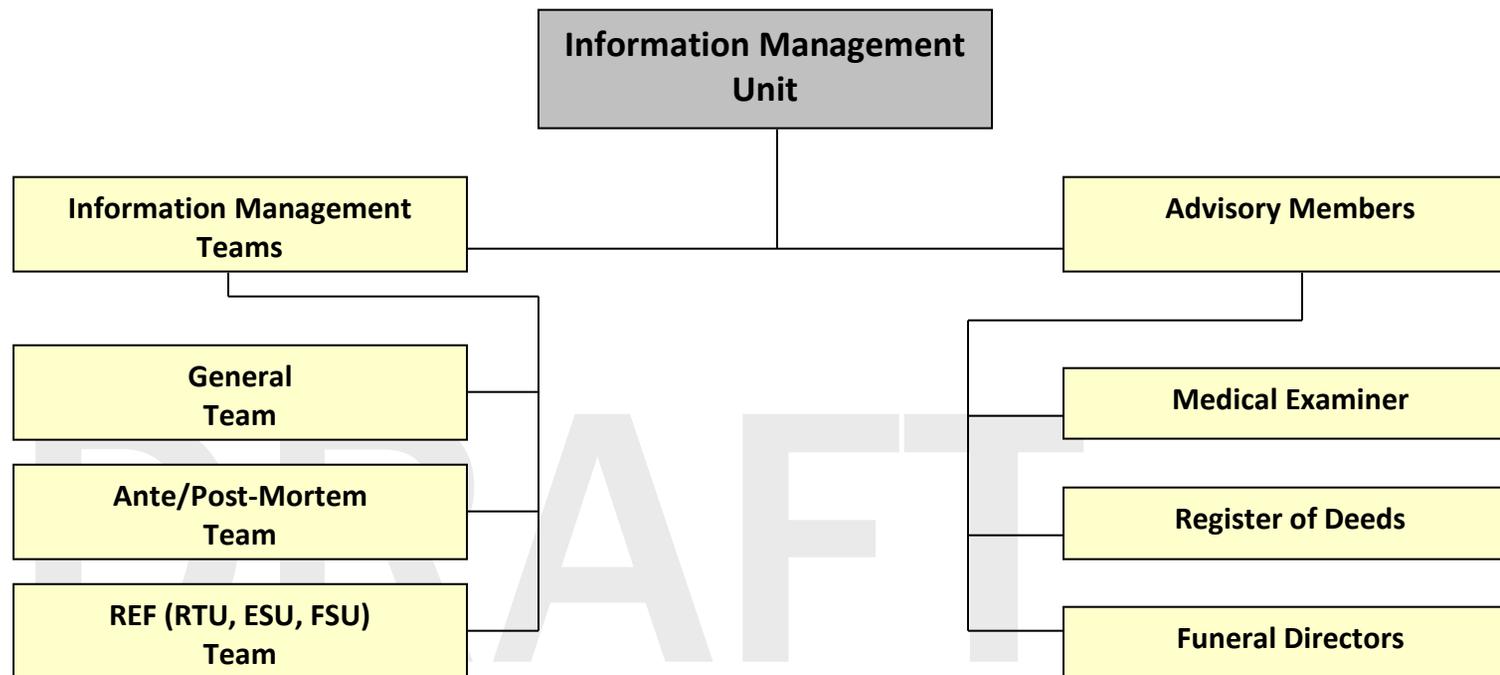
Zones	Lodging	FSC/Lodging	Food-service
Zone A	Cardinal Stritch Campus, 6801 N Yates Rd, Glendale 53217 (414) 410-4000	FSC	
	Four Points by Sheraton 8900 N Kildeer Ct, Brown Deer 53209 (414) 355-8585	FSC/Lodging	
Zone B	Clarion Hotel Airport 5311 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee 53207 (414) 482-8896 x408, Joel Kretschmer, GM (414) 481-2400	FSC/ Lodging	
	Potawatomi Hotel & Casino 1721 W Canal St, Milwaukee 53233 (414) 847-7875, Megan Moore, Sales Mgr	FSC/ Lodging	
Zone C	Wil-O-Way Underwood, Milwaukee County Parks 10602 Underwood Pkwy, Wauwatosa 53226 (414) 278-3930	FSC	

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Zones	Lodging	FSC/Lodging	Food-service
Zone D	Greenfield High School 4800 S 60 th St, Greenfield 53220 (414) 281-6200	FSC	
	Greendale Middle School (FAC) 6800 Schoolway, Greendale WI 53129 (414) 423-2800	FSC	
	Hales Corners Lutheran Church Community Center 12300 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners 53130 (414) 529-6700	FSC	
	Staybridge Suites (FAC/Lodging) 9575 S 27 th St, Franklin WI 53132 (414) 761-3800	FSC /Lodging	
	Whitnall High School 5000 S 116 th St, Greenfield 53288 (414) 525-8500	FSC	
	Whitnall Middle School 5025 S 116 St, Greenfield 53228 (414) 525-8650	FSC	
Zone E	Comfort Suites 6362 S 13th St, Oak Creek 53154 (414) 570-1111, Teresa D-Amato, GM	FSC /Lodging	Jackson's Blue Ribbon Pub 11302 W Blue Mound Rd, Milwaukee 53226 (414) 988-4485
	GroBschmidt Senior Center 2424 15 th Ave, South Milwaukee WI 53172 (414) 768-8045	FSC	
	South Milwaukee High School 801 15 th Ave, South Milwaukee WI 53172 (414) 766-5100	FSC	
	Wil-O-Way Grant, Milwaukee County Parks 207 Lake Dr, South Milwaukee 53172 (414) 278-3930	FSC	

Note: Mass fatality events relating to transportation may require the National Transportation Safety Administration (NTSB) and the responsible airline to activate and staff a FAC (see USC references).

F. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNIT (IMU)



The Information Management Unit (IMU) is responsible for:

1. The handling, and storage of ante-mortem (FSU) and post-mortem (ESU) information;
2. The handling and storage of all data received from the RTU, the ESU, and the FSU; and
3. The handling and storage of all documentation.

The IMU will keep all records and data secure, ensuring confidentiality per the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. If assistance from D-FIRST or DMORT becomes available, sophisticated systems will be utilized to track information, such as the Victim Identification Program (VIP) and Win ID. Personnel trained in these operations will deploy with the technology.

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Local hospitals are required to use the Medical Intelligence Center to coordinate fatality data and coordinate with local Public Health. The IMU shall collaborate with hospitals in order to ensure record-keeping and statistical measurements are accurate.

In order to minimize the amount of personnel required for the IMU, it may be best to co-locate the IMU with the ESU. (See the table titled, *Temporary Mortuary Areas for the ESU.*) Privacy of the examination area shall be ensured to protect the dignity and confidentiality of the victims, thereby a partition of sorts should be structured between the two units. Co-location prevents duplication of security personnel and escorts who would have to transport the data.

Upon completion of mortuary services, the IMU may opt to relocate to the Medical Examiner's office or a municipal EOC to complete the records collection. All records and data collected will become the property of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner who is the only authority allowed to release of any information.

Permits and certificates required for the release, transit and final disposition of remains shall be obtained through the licensed Funeral Director designated by the family, and/or through the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds, and/or through the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner.

For certificates and other individual records, local Register of Deeds contact numbers are listed below.

Register of Deeds

County	Name	Address	Phone
Kenosha	Joellyn M Storz	1010 56 th St Kenosha 53140	(262) 653-2444
Milwaukee	John La Fave	901 N 9 th St, Courthouse Room 103 Milwaukee 53233	(414) 278-4021
Ozaukee	Ronald A Voigt	PO Box 994 Port Washington 53074-0994	(262) 284-8260
Racine	Tyson Fettes	730 Wisconsin Ave Racine 53403	(262) 636-3851
Waukesha	James Behrend	515 W Moreland Blvd, Room AC 110 Waukesha 53188	(262) 548-7583

CHAPTER 6. AUTHORITIES

Milwaukee County Executive Order #13-01.

The City of Milwaukee Public Health Commissioner is to serve as the Director of Emergency Public Health during any emergency situation as defined and directed under the Office of the County Executive, Milwaukee County, Executive Order #13-01, dated 19 March, 2013.

Milwaukee County Ordinances.

Chapter 96.01, Medical Examiner.

Chapter 99, Emergency Activities of the Government of the County.

Wisconsin Opinions of the Attorney General

79 Op. Att'y Gen. 120 (1990)

Accidents; Ambulances; Emergency Medical Technician;

Wisconsin statutes do not prohibit the transportation of dead human bodies from an accident scene to a hospital by ambulance or rescue personnel. OAG 21-90; August 2, 1990.

Wisconsin State Statutes.

§ 157, Public Health, Disposition of Human Remains

157.055 Disposal of human remains during state of emergency relating to public health.

§ 250, Health; Administration and Supervision

250.01 (6g) "Public health authority" means the department, if the governor declares under s. 323.10 a state of emergency related to public health and designates the department as the lead state agency to respond to that emergency.

§ 252, Communicable Disease

252.02 (6) The department may authorize and implement all emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases.

§ 323, Emergency Management

323.10 Declaration by Governor.

§ 445, Funeral Directors

445.01 (6) "Funeral establishment" means any building or part of a building used and held out to the public as being used for caring or preparing for the burial or transportation of dead human bodies or for holding or conducting of funeral services.

445.105 Funeral establishment permits regarding transportation and licensing.

§ 949, Investigation of Death

CHAPTER 7. REFERENCES

49USC1136

Assistance to families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents.

49USC41113

Plans to address needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents.

49USC41313

Plans to address needs of families of passengers involved in foreign air carrier accidents.

49USC1139

Assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

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Plans to address needs of families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

45CFR164.512(g), HIPAA exception for Medical Examiners and Coroners.

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Public Health Preparedness Capabilities: National Standards for State and Local Planning, July 22, 2011.

Eau Claire County Mortuary Plan, October 30, 2012.

Federal Emergency Management Association(FEMA) G386

Mass Fatality Incident Response Student Manual, February 2012.

Milwaukee County Comprehensive Emergency Plan, November, 2012.

Emergency Support Function 8, Public Health.

Emergency Support Function 18, Fatality Management.

National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)

Academic Forensic Pathology, various journals.

Seattle and King County All Hazards Mass Fatality Management Plan, Version 3, 2012.

Waukesha County All Hazards Mass Fatality Plan, August 8, 2013.

Wisconsin Department of Human Services

Introduction to the Template Policy for Fatality Incident Response, Version 2, October 30, 2013.

Wisconsin Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Coordination Tier Resource Document, REV 3.1.2014.

CHAPTER 8. DEFINITIONS

D-FIRST, Dane Fatality Incident Response Support Team is designed to mirror the federal Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team (DMORT). D-FIRST, although managed by the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office, is a state asset, available to requesting jurisdictions, and has been developed to assist in the management of fatality incidents that present with unusual or difficult characteristics.

DMORT, Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team is a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations (OPEO), National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). DMORT responds only when requested to assist local authorities during a fatality incident response that overwhelms the ability of local resources to manage the incident.

EOC, Emergency Operations Center is the physical location where multiple agencies come together during an emergency to coordinate response and recovery actions and resources. The EOC is not an incident command post; rather, it is the operations center where coordination and management decisions are facilitated.

ESU, Examination Services Unit receives human remains and personal effects from the RTU's Transportation Team and performs mortuary services at the morgue or temporary morgue/mortuary facility. The ESU is comprised of three teams, Examination, Tracking, and Security. The Examination Team is staffed with medical professionals that provide identification and investigation acumen. The Tracking Team controls the transport and identification of human remains and personal effects within the morgue. Lastly, the Security Team consists of public safety and/or law enforcement personnel who provide site security and manage traffic and staging.

FSC, Family Support Center (located at a FAC, Family Assistance Center)

The Family Support Unit is responsible for three primary functions:

1. Sharing information with family members regarding the disaster and the victims;
2. Collecting antemortem data from the family in order to combine with postmortem data for proper victim identification; and
3. Provide support services such as mental health counseling, childcare, food, housing, transportation, funeral services, and financial assistance.

A strong partnership with non-profits, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Emergency Management are critical. An ideal facility for a FSC is a local hotel a few miles from the disaster scene and the temporary morgue.

Incident or disaster is any occurrence that overwhelms the ability of any discipline in its ability to manage the number of fatalities caused by the incident.

ICS, Incident Command System is a standardized on-scene incident management concept designed specifically to allow responders to adopt an integrated organizational structure equal to the complexity and demands of any single incident or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

Incident Commander is the Command Function of an Incident Command System; this person is responsible for directing and/or controlling resources by virtue of explicit legal, agency, or delegated authority.

IRC, Information Resource Center is (more to follow).

Jurisdiction, for the purpose of this policy, is defined as a county. Operational Period is the period of time scheduled for execution of a given set of operational actions as specified in the Incident Action Plan. Operational Periods can be various lengths, usually not over 24 hours. The Operational Period coincides with the completion of one planning cycle.

MARC, Multi-Agency Resource Center – The American Red Cross are experts on establishing Multi-Agency Resource Centers which provide many of the services listed under the Family Support Unit. Collaboration with the American Red Cross is strongly encouraged to provide the most resources to families. Flexibility should be sought in establishing a MARC within the FSU, or very near, enabling the greatest accessibility for families.

Public Health Authority – Wis. s.s. 250.01.

(1) “Chief medical officer” means a physician who is appointed by the state health officer under §250.02 (2).

(2) “Department” means the department of health and family services.

(3) “Local board of health” means the policy-making body for a local health department.

(4) “Local health department” means any of the following:

(a) In a county with a population of less than 500,000, any of the following:

1. A county health department established under §251.02 (1), including a county health department whose powers and duties are transferred to a county department of human services under §46.23 (3) (b) 1. c.
2. A city-county health department established under §251.02 (1m).
3. A city health department that was established before January 1, 1994, or that withdraws under §251.15 (2) or, as a city-city local health department established under §251.02 (3t), that withdraws under §251.15 (2m).
4. A village or town health department under §251.02 (3m).
5. A multiple municipal local health department established under §251.02 (3r).
6. A city-city health department established under §251.02 (3t).

(b) In a county with a population of 500,000 or more, a city, village, or multiple municipal health department established under §251.02 (2).

(c) A multiple county health department established under §251.02 (3).

Public Health Authority Powers –

- (1) Wis. s.s. 250.042 Powers and duties of the department as public health authority.
 - i. If the governor declares a state of emergency related to public health under §323.10 (1) (b) 1. and designates the department as the lead state agency to respond to that emergency, the department shall act as the public health authority during the period of the state of emergency. The department shall ensure that the emergency operations during the state of emergency are conducted using the incident command system required under §323.13 (1)(b) During the period of the state of emergency, the secretary may designate a local health department as an agent of Version 2: October 30, 2013 Page 27 of 48 the department and confer upon the local health department, acting under that agency, the powers and duties of the public health authority.
 - ii. As the public health authority, the department may do any of the following:
 - i. Purchase, store, or distribute antitoxins, serums, vaccines, immunizing agents, antibiotics, and other pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies that the department determines are advisable to control a public health emergency.
 - ii. Act as specified in §252.041. (3) (a) As the public health authority, the department shall inform state residents of all of the following:
 - iii. When a state of emergency related to public health has been declared or is terminated.
 - iv. How to protect themselves from a public health emergency.
 - v. What actions the public health authority is taking to control a public health emergency.
 - vi. The public health authority shall provide the information specified in par. (a) by all available and reasonable means calculated to inform the general public, including reasonable efforts to make the information accessible to individuals with disabilities and to provide the information in the primary languages of individuals who do not understand English.
 - vii. As the public health authority, the department, to the extent possible, shall consult with local health departments, whether or not designated as agents of the department, and with individual health care providers.
- (2) Wis s.s. 157.055 Disposal of human remains during state of emergency relating to public health.
 - a) A public health authority may do all of the following:
 - i. Issue and enforce orders that are reasonable and necessary to provide for the safe disposal of human remains, including by embalming, burial, cremation, interment, disinterment, transportation, and other disposal.
 - ii. Take possession and control of any human remains.
 - iii. Order the disposal, through burial or cremation, of any human remains of an individual who has died of a communicable disease, within 24 hours after the individual's death and consider, to the extent feasible, the religious, cultural, or individual beliefs of the deceased individual or his or her family in disposing of the remains.
 - iv. If reasonable and necessary for emergency response, require a funeral establishment, as a condition of its permit under s. [445.105 \(1\)](#), to accept human remains or provide the use of its business or facility, including by transferring the

- management and supervision of the funeral establishment to the public health authority, for a period of time not to exceed the period of the state of emergency.
- v. Require the labeling of all human remains before disposal with all available identifying information and information concerning the circumstances of death and, in addition, require that the human remains of an individual with a communicable disease be clearly tagged to indicate that remains contain a communicable disease and, if known, the specific communicable disease.
 - vi. Maintain or require the maintenance of a written or electronic record of all human remains that are disposed of, including all available identifying information and information concerning the circumstances of death and disposal. If it is impossible to identify human remains prior to disposal, the public health authority may require that a qualified person obtain any fingerprints, photographs, or identifying dental information, and collect a specimen of deoxyribonucleic acid from the human remains and transmit this information to the public health authority.
 - vii. Notwithstanding s. [59.34 \(1\)](#) or [59.35 \(1\)](#), authorize a county medical examiner or a county coroner to appoint emergency assistant medical examiners or emergency deputy coroners, whichever is applicable, if necessary to perform the duties of the office of medical examiner or coroner, and to prescribe the duties of the emergency assistant medical examiners or emergency deputy coroners. The term of any emergency appointment authorized under this paragraph may not exceed the period of the state emergency. A county medical examiner or county coroner may terminate an emergency appointment before the end of the period of the state emergency, if termination of the appointment will not impede the performance of the duties of his or her office.

Public Health Emergency – Wis. s.s. 323.02 (16) The occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Is believed to be caused by bioterrorism or a novel or previously controlled or eradicated biological agent.
- (2) Poses a high probability of any of the following:
 - a) A large number of deaths or serious or long-term disabilities among humans.
 - b) A high probability of widespread exposure to a biological, chemical, or radiological agent that creates a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people.

RTU, Recovery Team Unit – The Recovery Team Unit (RTU) operates at the scene of an incident and recovers, tracks, and transports human remains and personal effects. The RTU is comprised of three Teams:

1. The Recovery Team is responsible for human remains and personal effects at the scene.
2. The Transportation Team conveys these remains and effects from the scene to the morgue/Examination Services Unit (ESU).
3. The Healthcare Facility Team coordinates body recovery from healthcare facilities which may have incident-involved fatalities.

Unified Command is a structure that brings together the Incident Commanders of all major organizations involved in the incident in order to coordinate an effective response while at the same time carrying out their own jurisdictional responsibilities.

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