

CONSIDERATIONS IN PLANNING FOR MASS FATALITY INCIDENTS

- What are the fatality management priorities of your organization?
- What key assumptions are these priorities based upon?
- Does your organization have a written mass fatality plan in place? If so, who has the authority to activate these plans and/or procedures, and have you trained to the plan?
- Do you have staff and resources identified that will be dedicated to mass fatality incident management?
- What are the possible bottlenecks in the fatality processing procedures?
- Have any solutions been developed and/or implemented to mitigate these issues?
- What is the capacity of your morgue?
- Do you have alternate on-site and off-site surge morgue capacity?
- Do you have memoranda of understanding in place (if applicable)?
- Do you have staff and resources identified that will be dedicated to surge morgue management?
- To what extent can technology assist with fatality processing?
- Who in your organization or jurisdiction has the authority to make the decision to alter or change the current fatality processing and identification plan?
- What legal hurdles, if any, does your organization or jurisdiction face when executing your mass fatality incident plan?
- How will your organization and jurisdiction deal with them to ensure that the processing of fatalities is not delayed or otherwise stalled by legal matters?
- What reputation management issues could arise if your facility does not adequately manage a mass fatality incident?