

Missouri Mortuary Response Team (MO MORT)

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The Joplin tornado took the life of 161 individuals. One of the only federal assets the state had to request was a Federal DMORT.

There were competing priorities between the state and the DMORT which caused unnecessary challenges with reunifying the deceased with their loved ones.

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MO MORT

- Multi Disciplinary Team made up of subject matter experts
- Three Components
 - Disaster Portable Morgue Unit
 - Mortuary Staff
 - Victim Information Team (VIC)
 - Sometimes known as a Family Assistance Center (FAC)

Morgue Team

- Purpose:
 - Conduct Post Mortem examination of remains to identify and reunite those who has perished as a result of a man-made or natural disaster or event.

Morgue Team Members

- Funeral Directors
- Medical Examiners
- Coroners
- Pathologists
- Medical Record Technicians and Transcribers
- Finger Print Specialists
- Forensic Odontologist
- Dental Assistants
- X-Ray Technicians

Morgue Team Continued

- Security
- Logistics
- Investigate Personnel
- Admin Support Staff

VIC Team

- Purpose
 - Conduct interview with family members and loved ones to gather ante mortem data that assists in the identification and reunification of those who have perished in a man-made or natural disaster.
 - The VIC team assists families and loved ones throughout the reunification process.
 - From identification of their loved one
 - To release of the body for cultural traditions and rituals.

VIC Team Members

- Behavioral Health Para Professionals
- Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals
- Chaplains
- RNs
- DNA collection specialists

Other Mass Fatality Activities

- Local Fatality Management Template
- Human Remains recovery training
 - Coroners
 - EMDs
 - Fire
 - Law
- How to set up a temporary Morgue
- How to request the state team
- GIS Web Link
- Best practices in body recovery, identification and reunification activities