

Mortuary Response Acronym List

C/ME – Coroner or Medical Examiner – person with jurisdiction over deaths within a geographic area

CBIRF - Chemical Biological Incident Response Force – the military CBN response group

CBRNE - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive

CISD – Critical Incident Stress Debriefing – an informal discussion about an event after responding to that event – usually done in peer groups

CISM - Critical Incident Stress Management – an overall program to address the mental health needs of response workers

DPMU - Disaster Portable Morgue Unit

EMA – Emergency Management Agency – at local, state and Federal Level

FAC – Family Assistance Center – facility where family identification interviews occurs

HRO – Highest Ranking Official

IRC – Information Resource Center - the office area where the post mortem and ante mortem information is compared and reported – usually located very near or in the morgue area.

JMT - Joint Management Team

MFI – Mass Fatality Incident – an incident where more people die than the local resources can handle.

MST – Management Support Team – the team that supports responders by providing logistical support for responders – ie. hotels and transportation, local resource procurement, contract review and finances

NBC - Nuclear, Biological, Chemical – referring to weapons

NFDA- National Funeral Directors Association

NTSB – National Transportation Safety Board – has jurisdiction for transportation incidents involving fatalities

OFDA – Ohio Funeral Directors Association

OFDA-MRT - Ohio Funeral Directors Association – Mortuary Response Team – The State Level Mortuary Response Team – deploy Ohio morgue

OFDA-MRT – PB - Ohio Funeral Directors Association – Mortuary Response Team – Policy Board – recommends and implements policy for and maintains operational readiness of OFDA-MRT

PBC – OFDA-MRT- Policy Board Chairman

PE – Personal Effects – in this context, it refers to all belongings that were directly associated with a particular remain.

PFI – Post Fatality Incident – an incident where the victims are already deceased ie cemetery washout

PIO – **Public Information Officer** – the (only) person assigned to speak with the media.

SEMA – State Emergency Management Agency

VIP - Victim Identification Program

WinID – Windows Dental Identification Tool – computer program used to match dental anomalies from ante and post mortem victim records.

The following acronyms were obtained from:
<http://www.fema.gov/library/acronym.shtm>

A

AADPA	Assistant Associate Director for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
AE	Aeromedical Evacuation
AEC	Agency Emergency Coordinators
AECE	Aeromedical Evacuation Control Element
AES	Aeromedical Evacuation System
ALCC	Airlift Control Center
AMC	Air Mobility Command, U.S. Air Force
AMS	Aerial Measuring System
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Previously part of the Agriculture Department, now part of BTS)
AOC	Army Operations Center, Pentagon
ARC	American Red Cross
ARES	Amateur Radio Emergency Services
ARRL	American Radio Relay League
AUTODIN	Automatic Digital Network
AUTOVON	Automatic Voice Network

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B

BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIFC	Boise Interagency Fire Center
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BPA	Blanket Purchasing Agreements
BTS	Border and Transportation Security (Branch of DHS)

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C

CAT	Crisis Action Team (located at DHS headquarters)
CBP	Customer and Border Protection (part of DHS)
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation
CCP	Casualty Collection Point
CDC	Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service
CDRG	Catastrophic Disaster Response Group
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIAO	Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (Previously part of the Commerce Department, now part of IAIP)
CINC	Commander-In-Chief
CMT	Crisis Management Team
COG	Continuity of Government
CONPLAN	U.S. Government Interagency Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan
CONUS	Continental United States
CONUSA	Continental United States Army
COOP	Continuity of Operations

CRC	Crisis Response Cell
CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
CWA	Clean Water Act

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D

DAE	Disaster Assistance Employee (also called SAE for Stafford Act Employee)
DCO	Defense Coordinating Officer
DEST	Domestic Emergency Support Team (specialized interagency team with crisis and consequence management components)
DFO	Disaster Field Office
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DISC	Disaster Information Systems Clearinghouse
DMAT	Disaster Medical Assistance Team; now part of FEMA
DMORT	Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team; now part of FEMA
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOEd	Department of Education
DOI	Department of the Interior
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Labor
DOMS	Directorate of Military Support, Department of Defense
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
DRC	Disaster Recovery Center
DWI	Disaster Welfare Inquiry

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E

EA	Office of Energy Assurance (Previously part of the Energy Department, now part of IAIP)
EC	Emergency Coordinator
ECS	Emergency Communications Staff
EEl	Essential Elements of Information
EICC	Emergency Information and Coordination Center
EMI	Emergency Management Institute (in Emmitsburg, Md.)
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EO	Executive Order
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EP&R	Emergency Preparedness and Response (FEMA; Branch of DHS)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERB	Economic Resources Board
ERT	Emergency Response Team (sent to disasters)
ERT-A	Advance Element of the Emergency Response Team
ESF	Emergency Support Function (located in the EST; includes staff members of Federal Response Plan participants)
EST	Emergency Support Team (located in FEMA headquarters)

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAX	Facsimile
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FedCIRC	Federal Computer Incident Response Center (Previously part of GSA, now part of IAIP)
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	FEMA Emergency Response Capability
FESC	Federal Emergency Support Coordinator
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FLETC	Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Previously part of the Treasury Department, now part of BTS)
FNS	Food and Nutrition Services
FOC	FEMA Operations Center
FOUO	For Official Use Only
FPS	Federal Protective Service (Previously part of GSA, now part of BTS)
FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan
FRMAC	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (part of NIRT; focuses on radiological consequence management)
FRN	FEMA Radio Network
FRP	Federal Response Plan (Plan that includes multiple federal agencies under FEMA's oversight to respond to presidentially declared disasters; now called the NRP)
FSS	Federal Supply Service
FTS	Federal Telecommunications Systems

G

GPS	Global Positioning System
GSA	General Services Administration

H

HF	High Frequency
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HLT	Hurricane Liaison Team (FEMA staff who join with NOAA staff and others during hurricane events)
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
HQDA	Headquarters, Department of the Army
HSC	Homeland Security Council
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
HWC	Health and Welfare Canada

I

IA	Individual Assistance (federal disaster aid to individuals and families)
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IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAIP	Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (Branch of DHS)
IC	Incident Commander
ICAP	Incident Communications Action Plan
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (part of DHS)
ICS	Incident Command System
IEA	International Energy Agency
IMT	Incident Management Team (designed to operate within the National Incident Management System)
IOF	Interim Operating Facility
IPFO	Interim Principle Federal Official
IRMS	Information Resources Management Service
IST	Incident Support Team

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J

J-4/JCS	Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
JIC	Joint Information Center
JIS	Joint Information System
JOC	Joint Operations Center (An FBI resource at a disaster site)
JTF	Joint Task Force
JtrB	Joint Telecommunications Resources Board

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K

KCCO	Kansas City Commodity Office
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L

LCAT	Logistics Closeout Assistance Teams
LFA	Lead Federal Agency
LOC-TFCS	Letter-of-Credit - Treasury Financial Communications System

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M

MARS	U.S. Army Military Affiliate Radio System
MATTS	Mobile Air Transportable Telecommunications System (deployed to disaster sites to re-establish emergency communications)
MERS	Mobile Emergency Response System (deployed to disaster sites to provide on-site management of disaster response activities)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRE	Meals Ready to Eat
MWEOC	Mount Weather Emergency Operations Center (FEMA asset in Virginia)

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N

NAC	Nebraska Avenue Complex (location of DHS headquarters)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCC	National Coordinating Center
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NCS	National Communications System (Previously part of the Defense Department, now part of IAIP)
NCSP	National Communications Support Plan
NDMOC	National Disaster Medical Operations Center
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
NECC	National Emergency Coordination Center (located at Emmittsburg, Md.)
NEIS	National Earthquake Information Service
NEST	Nuclear Emergency Support Team (umbrella term that covers four different NIRT teams)
NFDA	National Flood Determination Association
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program (overseen by FEMA)
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NICC	National Interagency Coordination Center
NIEOC	Located on the mezzanine level of FEMA headquarters; includes the EST and other disaster activities
NIFCC	National Interagency Fire Coordination Center, U.S. Forest Service
NIMH	National Institutes of Mental Health
NIMS	National Incident Management System (a nationwide approach for federal, state, and local governments to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity)
NIRT	Nuclear Incident Response Team (operationally controlled by DHS; resides in the Department of Energy)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRP	National Response Plan (replaces the FRP)
NRT	National Response Team
NSEP	National Security Emergency Preparedness
NSF	National Strike Force
NTAC	United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTSP	National Telecommunications Support Plan
NVOAD	National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (includes the American Red Cross and Salvation Army)
NWS	National Weather Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service

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O

ODP	Office of Domestic Preparedness (Previously part of the Department of Justice, now part of BTS)
OEP	Office of Emergency Preparedness, U.S. Public Health Service
OET	Office of Emergency Transportation
OFDA	Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance
OIA	Office of International Affairs (part of DHS)
OLA	Office of Legislative Affairs
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONP	Office of National Preparedness (FEMA)
OPA	Oil Pollution Act
OPM	Office of Personnel Management

OPSEC	Operational Security
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSTP	Office of Science Technology Policy

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P

PA	Public Assistance (federal disaster assistance to governments)
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PBS	Public Building Service (GSA)
PDA's	Preliminary Damage Assessments (done by FEMA as a preliminary step in the disaster declaration process)
PFO	Principal Federal Official
PHS	U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

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R

RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
RAP	Radiological Assistance Program (part of NIRT; provides first response capability)
RCP	Regional Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
RD	Regional Director
RDD	Radiological Dispersal Device
REACT	Radio Emergency Associated Communication Team
REC	Regional Emergency Coordinator
ROC	Regional Operations Center
RSS	Remote Storage Sites (located in the Caribbean and Pacific to ensure readiness and "just in time" logistics for disaster responders; TLCs are in the continental U.S.)

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S

S&T	Science and Technology Directorate (Branch of DHS)
SAC	Special Agency in Charge
SAE	Stafford Act Employee (also known as DAE)
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SBA	Small Business Administration (provides disaster assistance along with FEMA)
SCO	State Coordinating Officer
SIOC	Strategic Information and Operations Center (an FBI resource)
SITREP	Situation Report
SLPS	State and Local Programs and Support Directorate (FEMA)
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile (pharmaceuticals and medical supplies ready for deployment)
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure

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T

TCP	Telecommunications Priorities
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TLC	Territory Logistics Centers -- located in continental U.S. to ensure readiness and "just in time" logistics for disaster responders; RSSs are in the Caribbean and Pacific
TREAS	Department of the Treasury
TSA	Transportation Security Administration (Previously part of the Department of Transportation, now part of the BTS)
TSP	Telecommunications Service Priority
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority

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U

U.S.	United States
US&R	Urban Search and Rescue
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	United States Air Force
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFA	U.S. Fire Administration (part of FEMA)
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USN	United States Navy
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USSS	United States Secret Service

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V

VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VHA	Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

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W

WMD	Weapon of Mass Destruction
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