

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bergen County Medical Examiner Office
Morris County Medical Examiner Office
Northern Regional Medical Examiner Office
Union County Medical Examiner Office
Division of Criminal Justice - Environmental Crimes Unit
Office of the Attorney General - Information Technology Services
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security

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DATE: May 22, 2012

SUBJECT: 3rd Annual Regional Mass Fatality Management Response System Exercise, May 14th through May 18, 2012

On behalf of Director Stephen Taylor and Dr. Roger Mitchell, I wanted to personally thank all of the participating staff from the New Jersey's Medical Examiners Offices, Offices of Emergency Management and the other supporting agencies who attended and participated in the Regional Mass Fatality Response System's third annual mass fatality training. This year's program was hosted by the Dutchess County, New York Medical Examiner Dr. Kari Reiber and Dutchess County Office of Emergency Management. The focus of this year's event introduced the finalized Regional Mass Fatality Management Response System Plan and allowed the participants to apply the plan, as it related to this year's scenario, through both facilitated discussions and practical field exercises. During the course of the week New Jersey staff were able to conduct a wide array of mass fatality management capabilities including: logistics and movement of assets; understanding of the Fatality Management Branch and how it fits within the ICS Structure; fatality search and recovery; the set up operation of the disaster morgue and the activation of UVIS for Field Operations & a Family Assistance Center.

Each and every New Jersey participant represented themselves and their respective agency proudly and I was very pleased to be apart of this multi-agency team. As you know, this was the first time New Jersey was able to deploy our newly acquired mass fatality equipment and it was very impressive to see the enthusiasm and motivation displayed by each and every participant. Once again, thank you for your continued help, participation and support in these efforts to develop and establish New Jersey's Mass Fatality Management Response System.

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