

Mass Fatality Incident within England & Wales

HM Coroner
with jurisdiction

Chief Coroner
for Multiple Scenes or Jurisdictions
the Chief Coroner may appoint a
Lead Coroner

MASS FATALITY COORDINATION GROUP

Chaired by HM Coroner

Police:

Senior Identification Manager
Senior Investigating Officer

Local Authority

Local Resilience Forum Representative
Emergency Planning
Director / Budget Holder

Others

LA / NHS Mortuary Management
Forensic Pathologist

Consider

Police Mortuary & Scene Coordinators
Fire & Rescue Service
Designated Undertaker
Air/Rail/Marine Accident Investigation
Local Authority Structural Surveyor
Human Tissue Authority
Police Family Liaison Coordinator

DECISIONS

- How can human remains be recovered from the scene(s)?
- What are the requirements of the criminal investigation?
- What can be considered as residual human tissue, for dignified disposal?
- Which mortuary or mortuaries will be used?
- Does the mortuary need to be enhanced with a temporary structure?
- Is regional or national assistance required?
- How will human remains be transported?
- What level of detail is required during post mortem examination?
- **Set the identification criteria!**
- When & where will the Identification Commission take place?
- Are special arrangements required for families to view human remains?
- What arrangements are required for release / repatriation?
- Agree media lines with the lead investigating agency

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION &
PROSECUTION?

INQUEST

PUBLIC ENQUIRY