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.

JIC – Joint Information Center

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 – i.e., 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

OMORT – Ohio Mortuary Operational Response Team
OSCA – Ohio State Coroner’s Association

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 i.e., cemetery washout

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

SEMA – State Emergency Management Agency

VIC – Victim Information Center

VIP - Victim Identification Program

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

WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction