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Dear NDMS/DMORT Region 7 Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in joining our mortuary operational response team within the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response/Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations. As part of the federal government’s response efforts, our team is one of 12 mortuary operational teams from across the country. In your capacity as a potential responder with DMORT Region 7, we want to impress upon you, what it is you are actually applying for. We say this because far too many individuals have joined our ranks anticipating either responding on a regular basis to global disasters or just to utilize our name as part of a resume line item. In both cases, these are incorrect. We actually deploy nationally to national security and presidential declared disasters as well as NTSB transportation-related incidents (in addition to local requests for service) and using historical data to forecast the future, this indicates that, on average, a full field team will deploy approximately every other year. Keeping this in mind though, members are expected to maintain minimum participation levels; complete Internet based training within 3 months of acceptance to the team and maintain regular communications with us. So, in short, if this is what you can accomplish in addition to putting your regular life on hold for up to two weeks with little to no notice, in order to deploy, we welcome your application.

With respect to the placement of individuals on our team, we emphasize the use of a variety of specialized personnel (minimum 2 year experience) in all areas that can be deployed. Exemplary positions include Physicians, Nurses, X-Ray Technicians, Mental Health Providers, Funeral Directors, Dentists, Anthropologists, Law Enforcement, Information Technologists, and Office/Clerical.

Currently, we are processing applications for the following positions:

- Pathologists
- Anthropologists
- Dentists and Dental Personnel
- Funeral Directors
- Supply Management/Logistics
- Medical Investigators
- Mental Health
- Safety Officer
- Security Specialists

We are not processing applications at this time for the following positions:

- Nurse
- Paramedic/EMT
- Administrative positions including clerical
- Firefighters
- Chaplain
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Whether your license/background level is listed above or not, please feel free to apply to the team. However if your license level does not match what is open at this time, your application will not be processed until a vacancy arises. If your application is not processed, you may still communicate with us at regular intervals to see if any positions have become vacant.

There are several items you should be aware of in making this application. If accepted

- You may be deployed on short notice
- You may be deployed for two weeks or more
- You may be working in dangerous situations
- You must maintain a state of readiness for rapid deployment
- You must participate in annual training
- When deployed, you will not receive compensation for several weeks after deployment
- You must be physically and psychologically able to deal with mass fatalities
- You must possess skills/talents that are of benefit to the team operations
- You must be willing and able to submit to a Federal background check and FBI Fingerprint screening. The fingerprinting process will involve uncompensated travel on your part to a regional HHS field office (Kansas City, MO or Chicago, IL) for fingerprinting by HHS Security personnel.
- You must be willing and able to comply with the on-line training requirements (an Internet connection and email service are required) all new applicants for a Federal appointment to HHS/ASPR/NDMS are required to successfully complete the Emergency Management Institute Independent Study Courses IS 100, 200, 700 & 800B. Certificates of completion for the four courses must be submitted with the Initial Application Packet. The courses pertain to the Incident Management System and The National Response Plan. The course are free and can be accessed at [http://training.fema.gov/](http://training.fema.gov/) and select the 'FEMA Independent Study' tab.
- You must comply with the immunization requirements within six months of appointment (Immunization information can be found at [www.dm7.org](http://www.dm7.org) or [Deployment> Immunization)

If you are willing and able to comply with these matters and wish to pursue an application for membership, please send a letter by mail, fax or email indicating your home mailing address and contact phone numbers

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions, please contact either of us below.

Thank you again for your interest in DMORT Region 7.

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