

AWR 232: Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities

AWR 232 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course. The goal of this course is to teach participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm solutions to simulated emergencies. Responding to a mass fatality incident, which includes the recovery, identifications, and reunification of the deceased, is one of the most difficult aspects of disaster response. In times of crisis, small, rural, and tribal communities are often ill-equipped with facilities to manage large numbers of casualties. When the time comes, communities must be prepared to use available resources to properly manage the remains that will result. Regardless of the agencies or organizations that respond, whether they be governmental agencies or private or non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the responsibility to coordinate and manage these outside resources rests with local authorities

Topics include (but not limited to):

- Define mass fatality and possible scenarios
- Identify methods of obtaining Federal resources.
- Identify issues to be considered in mass fatality response planning.
- Explain the importance of mass fatality response planning.
- Identify potential resources that should be included in a response plan.

Who Should Attend:

- All First Responders
- Public Health Officials
- Community Stakeholders
- Citizen/Community Volunteers
- Funeral Service Providers
- Hospital Staff
- Coroner/Medical Examiners
- Emergency Management Personnel

Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

Registration is **required** through the **RDPC website**. Register for this course by visiting the following link:

Please **[CLICK HERE]** to register, or visit www.RuralTraining.org

Register **no later than 2 weeks** before the course date. A **minimum of 20 registrations** must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.

FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED. Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:

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Additional Course Information

<https://studentportal.ruraltraining.org/courses/display/618>



FEMA



Location:

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Sponsoring Agency

Maine Emergency Management Agency

Course Date:

October 23, 2026

Course Time:

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

Please register by October 8, 11:59PM

Prerequisites:

US Citizenship