



Coroner/Medical Examiner Mutual Aid Quick Reference Guide



Mutual Aid Defined

Mutual aid is the voluntary sharing of personnel and resources when a department cannot sufficiently deploy its own resources to respond to an unusual occurrence. Resources are then requested by the affected department through a recognized system established by the Master Mutual Aid Agreement and Emergency Services Act. This cooperative system may be executed on a local, countywide, regional, statewide, and interstate basis. The state has been divided into seven mutual aid regions to more effectively apply, administer and coordinate mutual aid. Mutual aid can become mandatory at the option of the Governor. Generally, there is no reimbursement for providing mutual aid.

Authorities

The California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System and Plan derives its authority from the CA Emergency Services Act (Govt.Code §8550, §8569, §8615-8619, §8632, §8668) and the Master Mutual Aid Agreement. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC); an interstate mutual aid agreement.

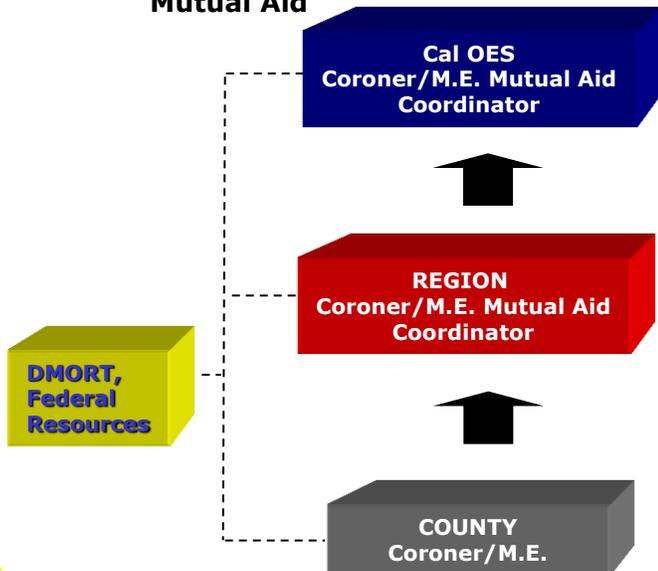
Mutual Aid Process

County(Operational Area) – If event is beyond the resource capability of Coroner/Medical Examiner's Office the County Coroner/M.E. then requests mutual aid from Regional Coroner/M.E. Mutual Aid Coordinator.

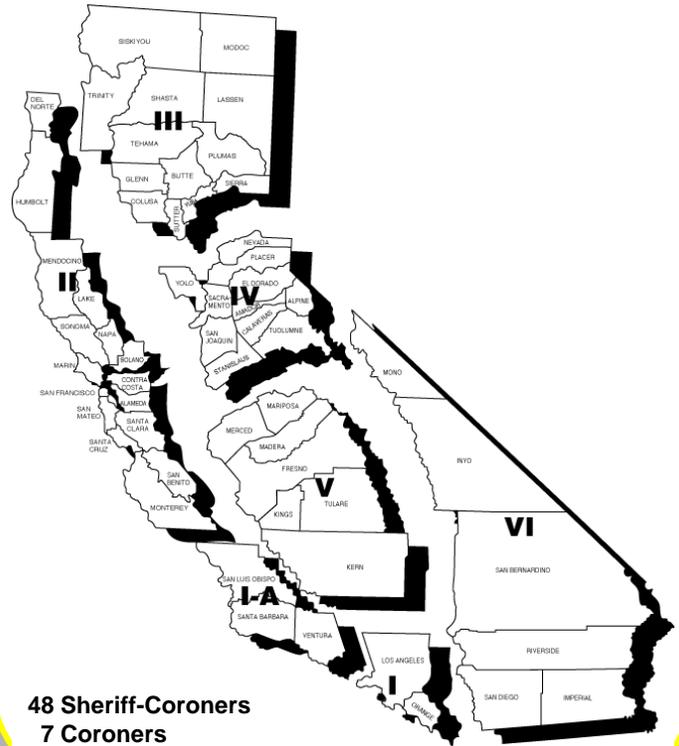
Region – A Coroner/M.E. in the region, who has been designated as the "Regional Coroner/Medical Examiner Mutual Aid Coordinator", fulfills mutual aid request from other Operational Areas and their respective Coroner/M.E. resources.

State – If the Coroner/M.E. resources within the impacted region are not sufficient, the M.A. Regional Coordinator requests additional mutual aid assistance from the State Cal OES Coroner/M.E. Mutual Aid Coordinator. Other mutual aid regions may be called upon to assist.

Channels For Requesting Coroner/Medical Examiner Mutual Aid



Coroner/Medical Examiner Mutual Aid Regions

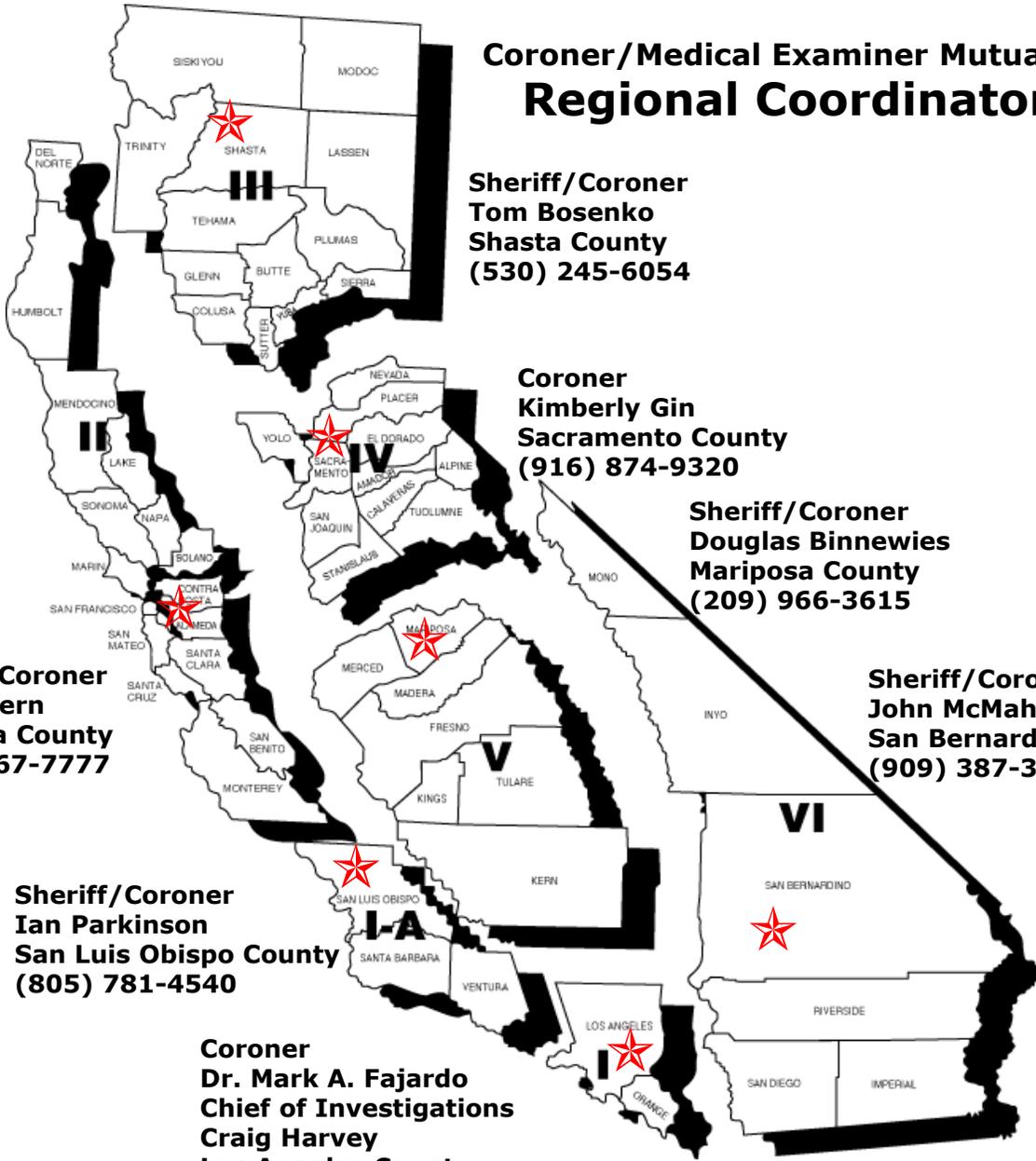


48 Sheriff-Coroners
7 Coroners
3 Medical Examiners

Mutual Aid Considerations

- State declaration of emergency not necessary to request and provide Coroner/M.E. mutual aid.
- No jurisdiction is required to unnecessarily deplete their own personnel, equipment, and capabilities in order to provide mutual aid.
- Mutual aid reimbursement costs *may* be applicable under state and federal disaster declarations. Otherwise, all mutual aid costs are the responsibility of individual agencies participating.
- Cal OES may assign mission numbers to mutual aid events in order to track and coordinate resources and for potential liability or financial purposes.
- Out-of state mutual aid is coordinated through Cal OES and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) unless as already specified in interstate agreements and MOUs.
- Upon consultation with the Coroners Regional Mutual Aid Coordinator and Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch, federal resources, including the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT), may be requested at any time during the emergency.
- Adhere to the CA Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Coroner/Medical Examiner Mutual Aid Regional Coordinators



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Tom Bosenko
Shasta County
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**Coroner
Kimberly Gin
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**Sheriff/Coroner
Douglas Binnewies
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**Sheriff/Coroner
Greg Ahern
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(510) 667-7777**

**Sheriff/Coroner
John McMahon
San Bernardino County
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**Sheriff/Coroner
Ian Parkinson
San Luis Obispo County
(805) 781-4540**

**Coroner
Dr. Mark A. Fajardo
Chief of Investigations
Craig Harvey
Los Angeles County
(323) 343-0714**

Key Contacts

-  Cal OES Warning/Communications Center (916) 845-8911
-  CA State Coroners Association (951) 788-2656
-  CA DOJ Bureau of Forensic Services, Missing/Unidentified Persons Unit (916) 227-3244 Cmnd. Ctr. 24-hr
-  Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team Region IX Commander (760) 497-6255
-  CA Funeral Directors Association (800) 255-2332
-  California Dental Identification Team (619) 444-6196
-  FBI Disaster Squad (Forensic Analysis Unit)
 - (703) 632-7100
 - Sacramento Division (916) 481-9110
 - San Francisco Division (415) 553-7400
 - Los Angeles Division (310) 477-6565
 - San Diego Division (858) 565-1255

Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch

OES Law Enforcement Branch peace officers are available 24 hours/day to assist your department with Coroner/M.E. mutual aid planning and coordination.

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