

# Victims & Missing Persons Affairs Sector's Role in Aircraft Accidents

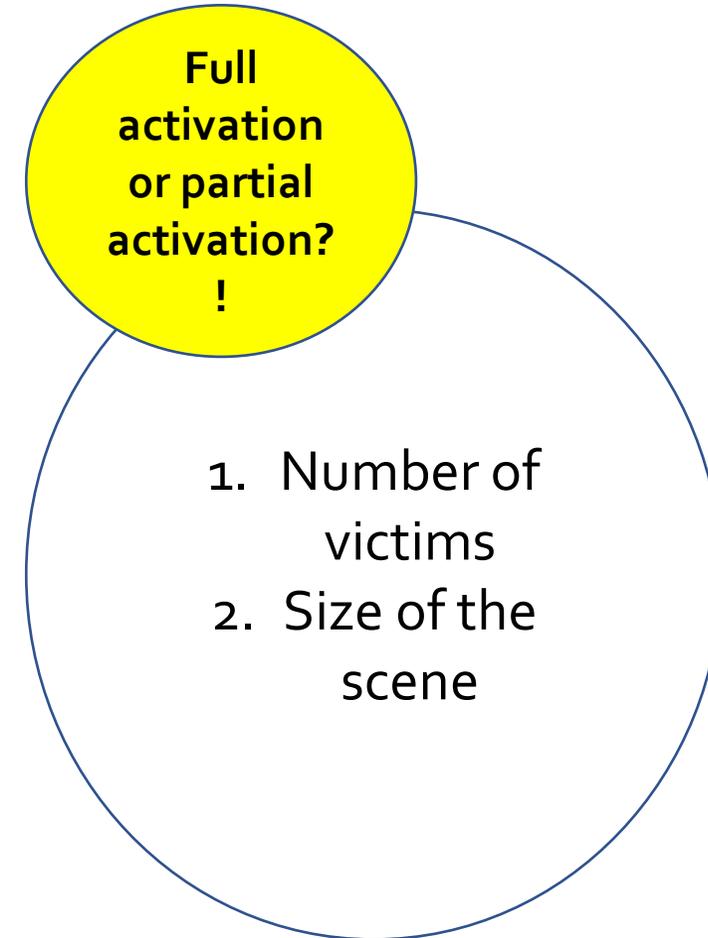
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# Victims & Missing Persons Affairs Sector

- One of the 8 sectors that make up the National System for Emergency Management
- National plan and regional plans that specify the stakeholders' roles, and scope and procedure of work
- Main mission is to identify the victims and provide assistance to survivors and victims' families



# Role

The sector oversees the forensic investigation process, including the collection, analysis, and interpretation of evidence to identify victims and establish the circumstances surrounding their disappearance or death.

Saving lives

Preserving the  
scene

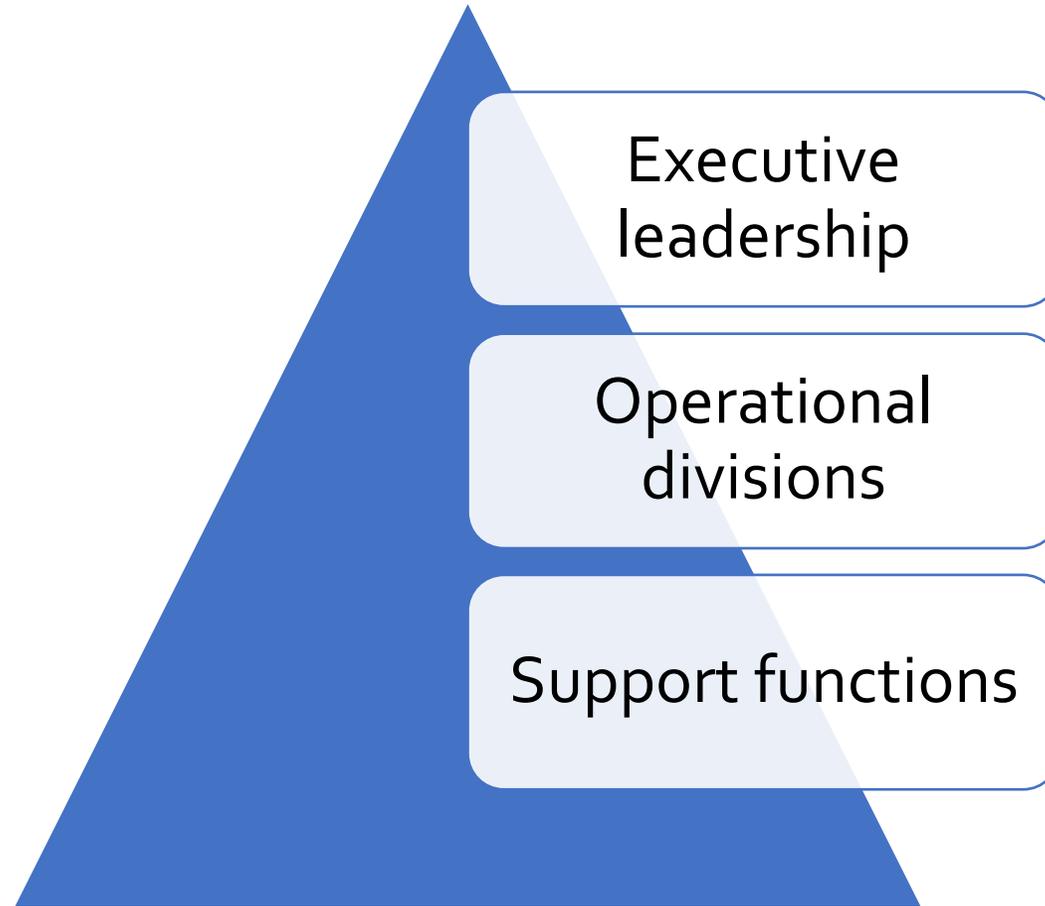
Evidence  
collection

Identifying  
victims

Identifying  
suspects

Providing support  
for survivors and  
victims' families  
and friends

# Sector organizational structure

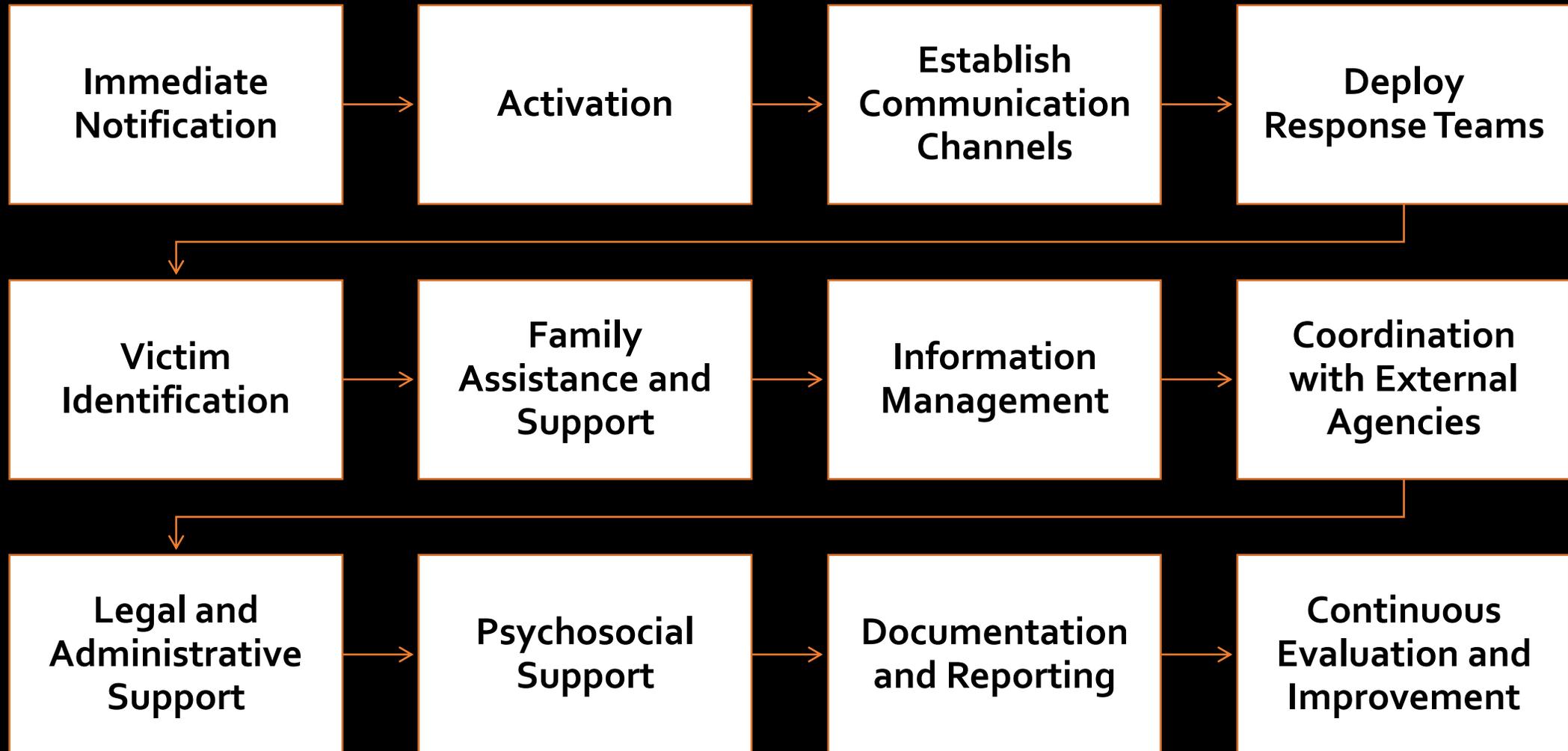




# Aircraft crash considerations

- A closed disaster: a passenger manifest
- Antemortem can begin early
- Site of the Accident (land, mountain, sea, airport, etc.) specify nature of responders

# RESPONSE PROCESS/TASKS



# Main DVI phases

## Scene

- Commander
- Scene coordinator
- Specialist teams

## Post Mortem

- Post Mortem Coordinator
- Specialist teams

## Ante Mortem

- Ante Mortem coordinator
- Specialist teams

## Reconciliation

- Reconciliation coordinator
- Specialist teams

# Phase I: The Scene (Immediate Response) → processing human remains and property at the disaster site



The image shows the cover of a pink booklet titled "DISASTER VICTIM RECOVERY BOOKLET". The cover features four white boxes for identification information: "Post Mortem" with "PM", "DVI Team Country Code" with "44", "Unique Reference Number" with "0001" and a barcode, and "Scene Reference (if required)" which is empty. Below these boxes is a larger white box labeled "Additional References".

Post Mortem	DVI Team Country Code	Unique Reference Number	Scene Reference (if required)
PM	44	0001 [Barcode]	
Additional References			

- Disaster site Coordinator Officer
- Forensic photography Coordinator Officer
- Evidence collection and debris recovery Coordinator Officer
- Crime scene teams and DVI specialists
- Human Remains Holding Area

# Process of Identifying Disaster victims

Missing persons

Victims

Ante Mortem (*yellow*)  
Interpol DVI Form – Missing person  
Family Liaison Officers

Post Mortem (*pink*)  
Interpol DVI Form – Unidentified Remains  
Morgue

Matching form

Victims  
Reconciliation/Identification  
Board

**A** Missing (*yellow*) **VICTIM IDENTIFICATION**  
MISSING PERSON

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Police force handling identification:  
Police No. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for assuming that person concerned is victim of disaster:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Police officers evaluation: Is above person a victim?  Possible  Probable  Undoubtedly

DNA: Reference samples collected  Profiles ordered  Profiles enclosed

CHECK LIST OF CONTENTS	Enclosed complete	Enclosed in part	Left to scene	Date	Returned Date	Remarks
A1						
A2						
C1						
C2						
C3						
D1						
D2						
D3						
D4						
E1						
E2						
F1						
F2						
G						

**B0** **VICTIM IDENTIFICATION**  
DEAD BODY

Disaster No.: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINATIONS IN THE MORTUARY		Date	Signature
Autopsy	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dental examination	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/>		
Sampling	Notified <input type="checkbox"/> Not notified <input type="checkbox"/>		

CHECK LIST OF CONTENTS	Checked complete	Checked in part	Left to scene	Date	Returned Date	Remarks
B						
C1						
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C3						
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D3						
D4						
E1						
E2						
F1						
F2						
G						

# Phase II: Post-Mortem → detailed examination of human remains in mortuary



Human corpses and remains stored at a mortuary (established or temporary)



1. General & physical examination (Unique identifying features e.g., scars, tattoos)
2. Autopsy
3. Photography / Medical imaging
4. Dental examination (Odontology)
5. Fingerprinting
6. DNA sampling
7. Anthropological measurements

# All remains pass through examinations in a predetermined order

Property & effects



P...M... (2014) VICTIM IDENTIFICATION FORM D1

Nature of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (at mortuary)

31 State of the body	1 Damaged	2 Burnt	3 Choked	4 Stuck	5 Mangled	6 Other
61 Head						
62 Neck/Throat						
63 Right eye						
64 Left eye						
65 Right hand						
66 Left hand						
67 Body front						
68 Body back						
69 Right foot						
70 Left foot						

31 Estimated age: \_\_\_\_\_

32 Height: \_\_\_\_\_

33 Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

34 Build: \_\_\_\_\_

35 Race: \_\_\_\_\_

36 Hair of the head: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pathology



P...M... (2014) VICTIM IDENTIFICATION FORM D4

Nature of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

BODY SKETCH (described in item 22 and/or 31, 53)

Mark on charts

- Damaged
- Burnt
- Decomposed
- Skeletonized
- Missing
- Loose
- Search/locking
- Skinmarks
- Tattoos/marks
- Malformations
- Amputations

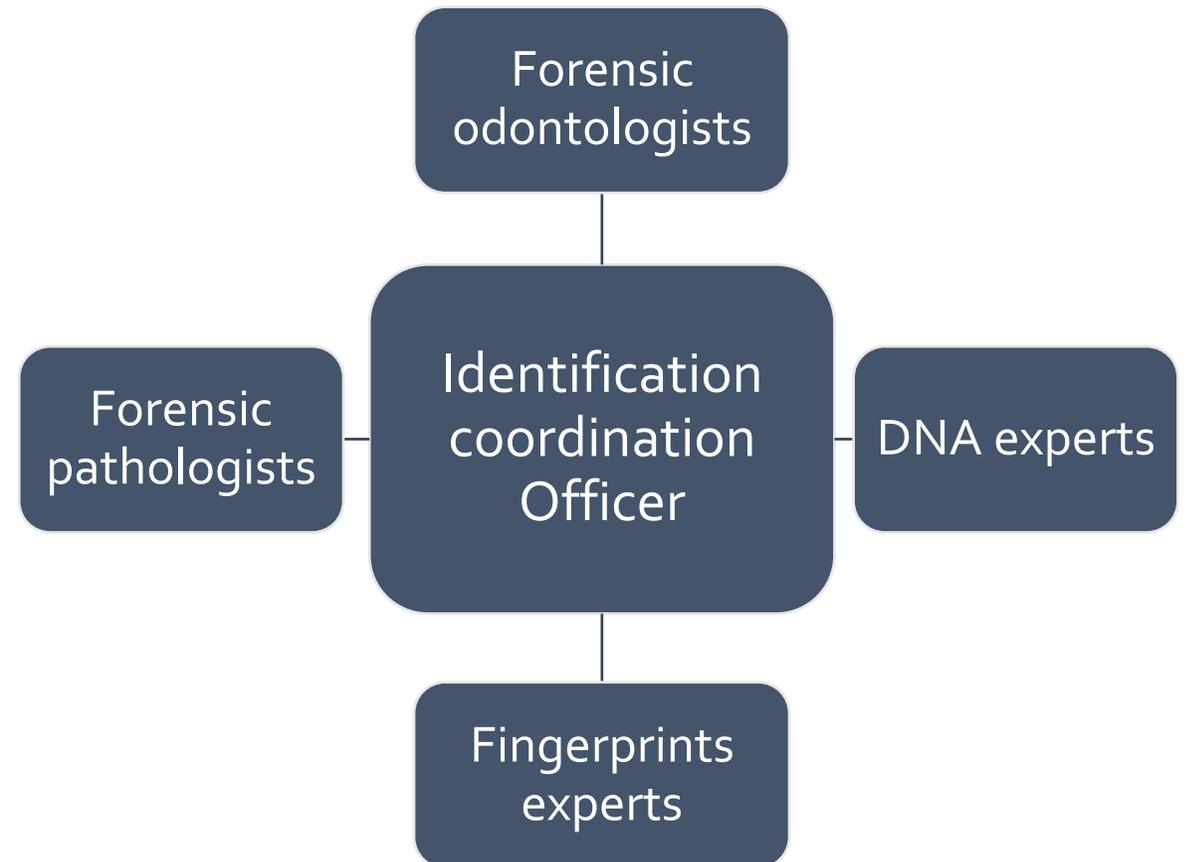
Odontology





# Phase IV: Reconciliation → matching postmortem and antemortem data

- OBJECTIVE: to match PM data with AM data
- METHOD: A combination of identifiers / a case-by-case basis
- TEAM: Identification Board
- OUTCOME: Certificate of identification / Death certificate
- Release of the deceased



# Primary Methods of identification



Forensic  
odontology



fingerprints



DNA



Unique physical  
feature

# Secondary methods of identification

Physical  
features

Tattoos

Blood type

Diseases (e.g.,  
tumors)

Scars  
Birthmarks

Medical  
devices

X-ray (e.g.,  
bones  
fractures)

Jewelry

Personal  
effects

Unique  
clothing

# Family/Humanitarian Assistance Centre

- The point-of-contact for survivors, victims' families and friends
- Registering and check-in affected individuals and families
- Information, and updates on the status of their loved ones, and any developments in the search or investigation process.
- If accommodation/transportation is not provided, the center provides help





# Psychosocial and Mental Support

- Counselling services
- Referrals to mental health services
- It provides legal and administrative assistance to the families of victims and missing persons, including guidance on legal procedures, accessing support services, and obtaining necessary documentation.



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