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## International Mass Fatality Management Conference and Workshop New York City – April 25-27, 2012

Dear Colleague:

The New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner (NYC OCME) and the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) will host the **International Mass Fatality Management Conference and Workshop** in New York City from April 25 – 27, 2012.

The primary objective of this conference is to bring together international and domestic experts and leaders in mass fatality management to explore past incident management, discuss lessons learned and define best practices to enhance future responses and decision-making in complex disasters.

Morning sessions will feature presentations from national and international speakers who have been the decision-makers and response directors for recent mass fatality incidents. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to subject-matter experts in forensics, disaster policy, management and decision-making who will participate in panel discussions that will include: advances in disaster victim Identification, complex fatality management decisions, and international policy regarding disaster management.

### Conference Schedule

- **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:** *Theme:* September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001; Advances in Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)
- **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:** *Theme:* International incidents; Complex policy decisions in MF management
- **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:** *Theme:* Transportation incidents; US Federal integration in local responses and regional coordination

We expect a great deal of interest in this event and space is limited. Attendance will be by invitation only and participation in this event will qualify for continuing education credit in several disciplines.

Please RSVP to Emily Carroll, Regional Project Coordinator, at [emcarroll@ocme.nyc.gov](mailto:emcarroll@ocme.nyc.gov), to express your interest in attending the conference. Your RSVP will be followed by a formal invitation to register online in early 2012.

Thank you,

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Barbara Butcher  
Chief of Staff, NYC OCME  
Director, Forensic Science Training Program