

## HITA Workshop:

# Are You Prepared for a Mass Fatality Incident Response?

**When:** Sunday, September 22, 2019

**Where:** ISHI 2019 - Palm Springs, CA

**Cost:** Free

Mass fatality incidents require an accurate and timely response. Rapid DNA is becoming an increasingly sought-after tool for identifying victims of mass fatality incidents as it saves time and money by making identifications faster. Planning for a mass fatality can feel overwhelming, but not being prepared leads to an error-prone and stressful response. The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) is leading efforts to help jurisdictions prepare for a mass fatality response.

This workshop is applicable to DNA analysts, supervisors and management and builds upon the efforts of the ASCLD Rapid DNA Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Subcommittee. During the workshop, participants will work collaboratively in small groups through a tabletop exercise to evaluate the mass fatality incident and organize an appropriate Rapid DNA response for victim identification using the ASCLD response tools and best practices.

The goal of the workshop is to provide participants the opportunity to walk through a mass fatality DNA response in a low-stress environment using the ASCLD Rapid DNA Task Force DVI Subcommittee response planning deliverables.

Participants will gain an understanding of how:

- Rapid DNA can be used in DVI operations
- To assess a mass fatality incident and design an effective Rapid DNA response operation
- ASCLD's Rapid DNA Task Force DVI Subcommittee Deliverables can be used in a mass fatality Rapid DNA response
- A Rapid DNA response can be a cooperative endeavor to support the local jurisdiction

This free workshop will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the 2019 International Symposium on Human Identification in Palm Springs, CA. Pre-registration is required. Please visit <https://www.ishinews.com/events/hita-workshop/> to sign up!

Help prepare your jurisdiction for a mass fatality DNA identification response effort.



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