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LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS

MICHAEL J. FROST



Michael J. Frost is an Indiana licensed Funeral Director. He is the fourth generation of his family to own and operate the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, Indiana. His great-grandfather started the business in 1923.

Michael attended Glen Oaks Community College in Centerville, Michigan for two years prior to earning his degree in Mortuary Science from Mid-America Mortuary College in Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1996. Following graduation from Mortuary College, Michael moved to Elkhart, Indiana, where he served his internship and was employed as a funeral director. He then started his own trade business, “Frost Services”, in 2001, and continued to own and operate this business until 2006. When his father announced his retirement, Mike moved to LaGrange, Indiana to take over the family business.

Mike is an active member within his community. He serves as an assistant to the LaGrange County Coroner, and is currently the LaGrange County Mizpah Shrine Club President. He also holds offices in the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, where he serves as Chaplain. Michael is a member of the Howe Lions Club, the LaGrange Historical Society, and serves on the Board of Directors for the United Fund of LaGrange County. He is also a member

of the LaGrange First Church of God and is a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association.

Mike has been a member of DMORT Region V since 1999, and has attended all annual trainings since 2001. His first deployment was to New York City, New York following the World Trade Center attacks in 2001, where he served as a mortuary officer in data entry. In 2004, he was deployed to Port Charlotte, Florida, following Hurricanes Charlie and Frances, and worked in logistics. In 2005, following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he was deployed to St. Gabriel, Louisiana, and served as a mortuary officer. He was then sent to Lake Charles, Louisiana and worked in cemetery recovery throughout Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

A proud member of DMORT, Michael is honored to have worked with and learned from a vast number of high caliber people within DMORT. He is impressed by the number of these individuals that Region V has constantly recruited and credits the leadership for this achievement.

Mike resides in LaGrange, Indiana with his wife, Melissa. When not at work or serving the community, Michael enjoys bowling, traveling and spending time with their dogs.

In August, 2009, Mike transferred from DMORT Region V to the DPMU team. Region V will miss Mike and wishes him well.

2009 Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Disaster Drill

The FBI ERT (Evidence Response Team) from Cleveland, Ohio asked **Frank and Julie Saul** (consultants since 1995) to participate with them in the 2009 Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Disaster Drill. In particular, they wanted training on the role of DMORT in mass fatality incidents. The Sauls in turn invited Region V alumni **Don Bloom**, Deputy Commander FACT and **Mike Gedert**, Deputy Commander DPMU to provide information on their Teams. The audience also included a large contingent, including **Kent Caserta**, Region V Forensic Odontologist, from the Cayuhoga Medical Examiners Office (Cleveland). Coincidentally, the date of the presentation, September 12, was the 8th anniversary of Region V's deployment via our own C-130 from Chicago to Stewart ANG Base en route to the WTC.



The scenario involved terrorists detonating an explosive device aboard a landing aircraft that in turn lands and strikes a departing aircraft. Terrorists hold the survivors as hostages and make demands. The FBI assumes unified command.... (This is the same FBI ERT that was with us at our 2005 Region V training at Rickenbacker AP.)

NEWS FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sue Atwood

JPMorgan Chase Travel Card Reminders:

Your travel card is to be used **ONLY** for authorized travel expenses. Your travel card has no value when you are not deployed. There is no Cash Advance option available.

The travel card may only be used for:

- airfare, if necessary, but this is usually purchased on a group card
- lodging (your lodging only)
- vehicle rental and fuel (only if authorized)

- meals (while on deployment)
- airport parking and ground transportation (taxi, shuttle)

Your travel card may **NOT** be used for:

- personal items
- non-reimbursable expenses
- any items not authorized as travel related

You are responsible for:

- maintaining the safety of your travel card
- payment of your statement in a timely manner (this is not a 'charge card'; you must pay the outstanding balance by the due date)
- payment is due regardless of the status of your travel voucher

Travel card ISSUES:

- your first contact is JPMC Customer Service; number is listed on the back of the card
- If Customer Service cannot resolve the issue, contact your AO
- If your AO cannot resolve the issue, he/she will contact the assigned A/OPC

What is 'split pay'?

- Split pay determines how travel expenses are reimbursed.
- The approved expenses you charge to your travel card will be billed to you on your statement and will be paid directly to JPMorgan through the GovTrip voucher process. Ideally, the voucher process would pay these approved expenses before they are actually due. You are still responsible to make sure that the statement is paid in full by the due date. You can call the customer service number on the back of your card to verify the balance due before making a payment.
- If you pay the balance on the statement before payment is paid by the voucher process, you may end up with a credit. Call the customer service number on the back of your card to verify the balance and/or request a refund.
- Clearly mark your receipts "IBA" for what was charged to your JPMorgan account or "personal CC" or "cash".
- Meals that are paid with the travel card will show up on your bank statement but will be reimbursed to you through the per diem which is paid directly to you by direct deposit.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Simons

The **2010 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit** will be once again held at the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN**. This training will be different from past trainings and will begin on Wednesday, May 12th with the opening ceremony and general sessions. Workshops will be held on Saturday, May 15th and conclude on Sunday, May 16th. As information becomes available, it will be posted on <http://www.esf8trainingsummit.org>.

The **2010 National DMORT Training** will be held in **Knoxville, TN** on **May 17-21** with travel days on the 16th and 22nd. More information will follow when it becomes available.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATES

Jim Adams

I can't believe that summer has blown by us already. I hope you have all had a pleasant and safe summer. Now it's time to think about our flu shots again.

There are a couple of things that I would like to call to your attention, and please know that I'm not the final answer to any of this. I get information from my medical friends and health departments, as well as HHS, and I've tried to put this information together for all of us. The **regular seasonal flu shots** are now available. I know Walgreen's, health departments, doctor's offices, and hospitals now have the vaccination. It is required, and HHS does not pay for it as in the past.

As always, I would suggest that those of you who get **TB** tested, not the false positives, get it done at the same time as the seasonal flu shot. If you are false positive, be sure to have your health care provider note on your shot card that you are asymptomatic for TB symptoms.

Finally, we have had a recurrence of **adult whooping cough**, at least in some areas. It appears our childhood immunizations have worn off. I know **tetanus** is only required every ten years, but if you are under the age of 64, you can get a combination **DPT** if you have not had a tetanus immunization in the past two years. It would probably be a good idea to get the whole thing updated, but I would suggest consulting with your medical doctor on this issue.

As you get your health histories updated, please send or e-mail me a copy for your records. It's important for all of us to be current in all of our paperwork and ready to respond if needed. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again at our next training. Be safe!!

For additional information, you may wish to check <www.cdc.gov/flu> and/or www.immunize.org/vis

Condolences



John E. Stanley, Dane County Coroner, age 63, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at his home. He was born on Feb. 8, 1946, in Baraboo, Wisconsin. John graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving three tours of duty in Vietnam from 1964 until 1968, earning the rank of sergeant-combat engineer. This was a life-changing experience, which made him the man he became. John married his high school sweetheart, Theone Hellen, on Nov. 22, 1967. In 1971, he began a long and varied career in law enforcement and as a public servant, beginning with the Village of McFarland and Dane County Sheriff's Department. He served as a sergeant and juvenile officer for the McFarland Police Department, while working part-time for Dane County Sheriff's Department. John also joined the McFarland Volunteer Fire Department. His experience led him to fight for recognition of EMS in Wisconsin, to develop, facilitate and instruct EMS programs. He shared his knowledge as an instructor of police and fire science at Madison Area Technical College, and an emergency medical service license examiner on the Wisconsin State Board of VTAE. He spent years working with St. Mary's Hospital as chief of security and also as director of their EMS training center. John's career with Dane County Sheriff's Department, his EMS experience, and sincere compassion led him to become a Deputy Coroner in 1988. He was elected Coroner in 2000 and has held this position with the utmost dignity, respect and love for all those who have ever worked alongside him.

John's hobbies were hunting, fishing and a love of trains. He ended every conversation or visit letting his family know how much he loved them.

John joined DMORT Region V in 2005 and has attended annual trainings since that time. He is survived by his wife, Theone; daughters, Nickie and Theone; son, John; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to:

Zor Shrine Children's Hospital, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI 53719.

Don Simley and his wife, Linda, attended the cemetery and a gathering after John's funeral. On the way to the cemetery, at the end of one road, there was a fire truck on each side of the street with their ladders raised, a rope in between, with a United States flag hanging. At the cemetery, they played taps, the gun salute, a bag pipe played "Amazing Grace" and the flag was folded and presented to his wife. The last thing played was a 911 recording, permanently retiring his badge number – this somber moment was followed by not one dry eye in the cemetery. During the visitation the night before, there was a Sheriff's Department honor guard at the head of the casket, and a Fire Department honor guard at the foot of the casket. They had a changing of the guard ceremony every half hour. It truly was an honorable farewell for an honorable man.



Terry Swanson, Sue Atwood and Mary Fischer have a cold weekend in Michigan this August



Mary and Sue gather the wood for a campfire

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