



# DMORT NATIONAL NEWS

## Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team

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### NDMS INTEGRATED TRAINING SUMMIT

2700 participants attended the **NDMS Integrated Training Summit**, which took place **May 1-5, 2011** in Grapevine, Texas. There were many courses available, but only one was regarding DMORT.

#### Dignity and Respect for the Deceased in a Disaster Setting

*Speaker: Scott Schmidt, CFSP (DMORT Region II Training Officer)*

**Scott Schmidt** presented an excellent synopsis of proper care of the deceased in a disaster setting. The frenzied atmosphere of a disaster lends itself to the suspension of many rules of society in order to take care of the injured, and rightfully so. Taking care of the dead in an appropriate manner is also of utmost importance and should not be overlooked. How the dead are cared for in a disaster can make or break the response effort. Scott cited examples of what not to do while caring for remains and listed examples of remains collection. He gave examples of release protocol and explained to the attendees how DMORT handles, cares for, identifies, and releases the dead during the atmosphere of disaster. Attendees came away from the presentation with a new understanding of what DMORT does and how important it is to the families left behind, to know that their loved ones are being taken care of with dignity and respect. Schmidt, in addition to being the Training Officer for DMORT Region II, has served on the Summit Planning Committee for the past 5 years and this year was the Co-Chair of the Public Health

Focus Area. In real life, he is Chief Coroner in Orleans County, New York and is also a New York State Licensed Funeral Director, as well as the organist at the Barre Center Presbyterian Church.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The **2011 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit** was held in **Grapevine, Texas May 1-5, 2011**. The following DMORT members were honored with the

**2010 NDMS Response Team Distinguished Member of the Year Award:**

DMORT I  
**Joseph Allen**

DMORT VII  
**William H. Young**

DMORT II  
**Thomas J. Pflanz**

DMORT VIII  
**Christina L. Broughton**

DMORT III  
**Troy Lyons**

DMORT IX  
**Anthony A. Manoukian, MD**

DMORT IV  
**Thomas Glenn**

DMORT X  
**Robert Weaver**

DMORT V  
**Frank Saul, PhD**

FACT  
**Gregory Klimetz**

DMORT VI  
**Julimarie Sommers**

WMD  
**Joseph White, MD**

## NDMS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Scott Schmidt, CFSP, Region II** Training Officer, received the NDMS Outstanding Achievement Award for the Development and Management of the 2010 Integrated Training Summit Program. Scott has worked tirelessly with this program for many years.

We applaud Scott for his continued and dedicated work with the Summit.

## DMORT 2010 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

*Many of the DMORT Teams submitted the following:*



**DMORT I** honored the memory of **Joseph F. Allen** by selecting him as their 2010 Distinguished Member Award recipient.

Joe resided in Arlington, Massachusetts with his wife, Jean. He was the Managing Director of *Boston Harborside Home*, located in Boston's North End, for many years. He was a member of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association, celebrating 40 years of licensure in 2009.

Serving as Region I Deputy Commander, Joe deployed several times, including the Egypt Air Flight 990 Crash (Rhode Island 1999), World Trade Center Tragedy (New York 2001), Rhode Island Night Club Fire (2003), and the Tsunami Disaster in Thailand (2006).

Joe was a mentor to many of his team members and a role model for all. He possessed a strong work ethic and was quick to assist anyone.

Joe passed away in December, 2009. He is sorely missed and will always be in the hearts and minds of his DMORT family.



**Thomas Pflanz** was chosen as **DMORT II's** Distinguished Member for 2010. After completing his training in Radiology at Memorial Hospital in Albany, New York, Tom returned to his hometown area of Central Upstate New York, to pursue his career, marry, raise two wonderful children, and now enjoys two beautiful grandchildren.

After the World Trade Center Tragedy (New York 2001), Tom learned that one of his good friends was a member of DMORT Region II. Tom had a lengthy discussion with him, and was intrigued, as well as impressed, with the team's mission. When the position for Team X-Ray Technologist became available, Tom was invited to apply and consequently was accepted to the team.

Since joining DMORT, Tom has been deployed to the Continental Flight 3407 Crash (Clarence, New York 2009), and the Haiti mission (January 2010).

After completing his two-week deployment period in Haiti, Tom agreed to remain in Haiti for several more days, due to the unexpected illness, upon arrival, of his replacement. His replacement was evacuated on the very plane that would have brought Tom home. Had Tom not extended his tour in Haiti, there would not have been an X-Ray Technologist to continue that function in the morgue, thus jeopardizing the success of the DMORT mission.

Because of his professionalism and devotion to others, Tom was the unanimous choice for the *Distinguished Member of the Year Award* by the DMORT Region II Command Staff.



**F. Troy Lyons** had the honor of being chosen as the 2010 Distinguished Member of the Year for **DMORT III**.

Troy is the Captain and Division Commander for the Investigation Division at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office in Virginia and has worked at the Sheriff's Office for 23 years.

Troy has been a member of DMORT Region III since 2002. He has been deployed to Hurricane Katrina (September 2005), where he worked in Morgue Ops in Gulfport,

Mississippi, St. Gabriel, Louisiana and Carville, Louisiana. He was also deployed to the Haiti Earthquake (2010).

Troy is a U.S. Army Veteran. He resides in Virginia with his wife – Cristy – and two children – Aaron and Taylor.



**Dr. Frank Saul** was chosen by **DMORT V** as their 2010 Distinguished Member of the Year.

Dr. Saul is a Diplomate and Past President, American Board of Forensic Anthropology, and Senior Consultant in Forensic Anthropology to the Lucas County Coroner's Office in Toledo, Ohio. He is also Professor Emeritus, Anatomy (including Radiologic Anatomy) and Associate Dean Emeritus of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, where he served from

1969-1993.

Dr. Saul became a DMORT Forensic Anthropologist in 1995. His first mission was the Comair 7232 crash near Monroe, Michigan, in February 1997. In October 1997, Frank was surprised to be appointed the Commander of Region V, after "butting heads" with several authority figures during the August 1997 KAL Flight 801 crash mission on Guam. He subsequently served at the Amtrak train-truck crash in Bourbonnais, Illinois (March 1999), where Frank was the Mission Commander; the Egypt Air crash mission in Providence, Rhode Island (January 2000); as well as the World Trade Center terrorist attack, where Frank was the DMORT Night Watch Commander at the New York City Medical Examiner's Office during the first month after 9/11.

Dr. Saul is a consultant to a number of organizations and agencies, including the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office (Detroit, Michigan), the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

(Washington, DC), the FBI Evidence Response Team (Cleveland, Ohio), and the Violent Crimes Task Force (Detroit, Michigan).

He also consults for the Maya archaeological projects of the University of Texas, Boston University, and Cleveland State University, carrying out field research on the origin and evolution of disease in the jungles of Belize and elsewhere in Central America.

Dr. Saul has been very active in teaching in recent years, and has conducted forensic anthropology seminars and mini-courses for a variety of agencies and organizations, including the Cleveland FBI Evidence Response Team, Ohio Identification Officers, International Association for Identification, Northwest Ohio Criminal Justice Training Center, Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, Wayne County (Detroit) Medical Examiner's Office Death Investigation Course, El Paso, Texas, Medical Examiner's Office, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and several state coroners and medical examiners associations.

Dr. Saul is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and his forensic work has brought him commendations from several law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Public Health Service, National Disaster Medical System, and the *Republica de Panama Comite de Familiares de Desaparecidos de Panama*.

Dr. Saul has served as DMORT V's Team Commander since 1997. After all these years of dedicated service, he has resigned from this position, but will remain on the team as a Forensic Anthropologist. Region V is honored to have had Dr. Saul as their Commander and is proud to have him as their Distinguished Member of the Year.

We all know DMORT is a team effort. Frank understands this and we know his wife and teammate, Julie Saul, has been with him on many deployments. Frank has exemplified the teamwork ideal, and in doing so, it would not be proper to leave Julie out of our acknowledgment of Frank's achievement. Thank you Frank and Julie!



**Julimarie Sommers** was chosen as **DMORT VI's** Distinguished Member of 2010. She was officially welcomed to DMORT the week before September 11, 2001. Since then, she has been deployed to the Columbia Space Shuttle crash and Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. Though she is an MLI on the team, she has been excited to work in the field, in the morgue and in IR, in various capacities from tracker to section chief.

Julimarie has worked for ten years at the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator as an autopsy tech, investigator and supervisor.

Currently, she is working for the New Mexico State Office of the Inspector General as a Senior Special Agent, investigating waste, fraud and abuse in state public assistance programs, as well as state employee misconduct. She has a Bachelors Degree in University Studies and a Masters

Degree in Business Administration. She is a member of the American Board of Medico-legal Death Investigators and the Rocky Mountain International Association for Identification. Julimarie lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico with her dog and cat. She works on home renovation projects, loves to watch movies or gardening.



**DMORT VII** selected Team Commander **William H. Young** as the Distinguished Member of the Year for 2010. Bill, a Funeral Director/Embalmer from Lake Quivira, Kansas, is retired from his business and has enjoyed leisure and business travels. He is a former Kansas City Councilman and a past member of the Kansas Mortuary Board.

Bill is a long-time member/employee of NDMS, having started in the early days of DMORT with the Hardin County, Missouri Cemetery floods of 1993. He became the first Deputy Commander of DMORT VII, with the appointment of Dean Snow as the DMORT VII Commander in the late 1990's. He has deployed to Hardin County, Missouri (1993), KAL 801 crash on Guam (1997), Hurricane Floyd in Tarboro, North Carolina (1999), New York City World Trade Center Attack (2001), AA Flight 587 crash at Belle Harbor, New York (2001), AA Flight 5966 crash at Kirksville, Missouri (2004) and Hurricane Katrina/Rita at St. Gabriel and Carville, Louisiana (2005-2006) as the Morgue Operations Section Chief for the DPMU-West. Most recently, Bill served in response to the devastating tornado in Joplin, Missouri (2011).

Deputy Commander Young was appointed as Commander of Region VII, with the retirement of Dean Snow in 2003. He is the first DMORT VII Commander to appoint a Deputy Team Commander, Administrative Officer, and Training Officer within his first year at the helm. He has guided the team to new heights of spirit, enthusiasm and dedication to service. Bill is a role model to the entire team as the consummate professional and true gentleman. He consistently manages, in his unique, subtle way, to challenge each and every DMORT VII team member to become the best that they can be. He freely offers kind, gentle words of encouragement during chaotic events, yet has the stern demeanor to accept nothing but their best effort. Bill is a down-to-earth leader who is not afraid to get right in and do the work with the team. He also has a keen ability for lightening the mood for all who have ever witnessed his never-ending supply of animated stories.

Bill recently fought and won a battle with some serious health issues and continues to be an inspiration for the entire team.



**DMORT REGION VIII** selected **Christina (Christy) Broughton** as the Distinguished Team Member for 2010. She was present at the NDMS Integrated Summit to accept the award.

Christy was deployed to Haiti in 2010, although her deployment there was cut short due to an illness. For several months following her return home, she battled this illness, which was directly related to the austere environment in Haiti.

In discussions with Christy following her experience, she indicated that she had no regrets about going to Haiti and, that if asked to go again, she would go without hesitation.

This positive attitude illustrates the true commitment that Christy has for helping those in need and is a testament to the mission of DMORT.



In December, **DMORT IX** selected **Dr. Tony Manoukian** as the 2010 Member of the Year.

Tony has been a valuable member of DMORT IX and the entire DMORT family. Besides being an excellent Medical Officer (Pathologist), he served as one of the Deputy Commanders of the DMORT IX team. He participated in deployments in response to Hurricane Katrina/Rita (2005), the Samoa tsunami (2009) and the earthquake in Haiti (2010).

Unfortunately, Dr. Manoukian passed away February 6, 2011, after a battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. He was awarded this honor posthumously, and the plaque was received on behalf of Tony's family by team Commander John Linstrom at the recent awards ceremony.

“Dr. Tony” definitely left his mark (and his smile!) with all the DMORT personnel who knew him. He was a kind, caring professional, and he is greatly missed by all.

Akua ho'omaika'i oe Tony.



**Robert "Darin" Weaver** was selected as the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Employee award by his fellow team employees and command staff of **DMORT X**. Darin is a medical investigator on DMORT X, and has deployed to Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti. Additionally, Darin has attended every field training exercise conducted by his team. Recently, Darin has been appointed to serve on the DMORT X Assessment Team. Commander Frank Sebastian described Darin as an example of a stellar DMORT team member and thanked him for his service and commitment.



The **DMORT Family Assistance Center Team (FACT)** selected **Gregory V. Klimetz** as their FACT 2010 Distinguished Employee of the Year. Greg joined DMORT in 1996 and has served as the Lead Developer of the Victim Identification Profile (VIP) program; he now adds the title of Logistics Chief to his resume. Greg has served on deployments to the Hurricane Katrina Response (both Gulfport, Mississippi and Baton Rouge, Louisiana), the Conair Flight 191 crash in Lexington, Kentucky, the Hurricane Ike - Louisiana deployment, the Continental 3407 crash in Buffalo, New York, the US Response to the Haiti Earthquake in Miami, Florida and most recently, the tornado response in Joplin, Missouri. His problem-solving skills and dependability make him an invaluable member of the FACT.

Greg is personally committed to the goals of DMORT and the FACT, and he is able to instill that quality in those around him. He is devoted to the Team and treats everyone with equal respect and dignity. On a volunteer basis, he puts in a great deal of time improving the VIP program and making it more efficient and user friendly.

Greg is an active member of his local church and is an important part of their Production Team. He and his wonderful wife, Julia, live in Gulf Breeze, Florida, where he is able to enjoy boating and fishing. Greg and Julia have three children and two grandchildren.



**Dr. Joseph C. White**, a member of the NDMS DMORT system since 1996 and the **DMORT WMD Team** since 2002, was awarded the Certification of Appreciation for distinguished team member of the year for the WMD team.

Dr. White, better known by those he has cared for over the years, as Doc Joe, has worked to ensure that team members are safe at all times while they are working in a hazardous environment and even when they are not.

Dr. White is truly a part of the DMORT WMD family. He takes a personal interest in everyone on the team and has done follow-ups on a team member's health even after the WMD team has been deactivated and returned home from a disaster or a training mission.

While he was assigned to monitor the well being for all DMORT WMD members while deployed in 2005 to Hurricane Katrina, he found himself in a lead role as part of the overall medical staff watching over everyone working in the austere conditions in St. Gabriel, Louisiana. Dr. White monitors DMORT WMD team member's health between trainings and deployments from his home in New York without any compensation, just the genuine caring he has for his fellow team members.

The Certificate of Appreciation award presented to Doc Joe on behalf of his DMORT WMD family is only a small way of saying "thank you" for all the work he has done to ensure our WMD team members and others in the NDMS system remain safe and healthy.

Dr. White specializes in family medicine in New York and also is director of hyperbaric/dive medicine. He is currently a Suffolk County, New York medical examiner.

### **THOMAS J. SHEPARDSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

#### **EMEILIO (MEL) MASTRODOMENICO**



**Emilio (Mel) Mastrodomenico** from the **MA-2 DMAT** team was the recipient of the 2010 Thomas J Shepardson Award.

Emilio (Mel) Mastrodomenico said the adrenaline rush and the chance to help people are the reasons he was always the first to volunteer as team pharmacist for the Massachusetts-2 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MA-2 DMAT). A consultant pharmacist and drug utilization reviewer for Commonwealth Medicine's Clinical Pharmacy Services, he has been deployed 26 times over the past 23 years to some of the worst disaster scenes: the World Trade Center, New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and—most recently—Haiti.

At the age of 81, Mastrodomenico is reluctantly acknowledging his limitations. With gentle prodding from his children, who are proud of what he does, but concerned that he needs to slow down, he tried to resign from his post recently. But MA-2 DMAT Commander Gina Smith convinced him to take a "semi-retirement," knowing how valuable and how dedicated Mastrodomenico is to the team.

“It means I can pick and choose my assignment,” said Mastrodomenico with a laugh. As a member of the on-call, volunteer MA-2 DMAT team that can assemble a self-sufficient medical unit for deployment within 24 hours, he’s usually the first to submit his availability. “Doing this job makes you feel good, like there’s a reason for living. I look forward to helping people.”

Mastrodomenico was recently honored for his 23 years of dedication to DMAT, receiving the National Disaster Medical System’s (NDMS) Thomas J. Shepardson Leadership Award on May 3, 2011 in Grapevine, Texas. The award, which is given annually, recognizes his leadership, vision, service and commitment.

“Our team and our nation are lucky to have Mel involved in NDMS,” said Commander Smith. “Mel is a resourceful, creative and solution-oriented person and he’s come up with innovative approaches to patient care during disasters.”

Mastrodomenico has been a pharmacist since 1952, and his role with DMAT is a crucial one, as a pharmacist is required to dispense medicine in the medical treatment areas set up in disaster zones. Many pharmacists aren’t able to pick up and leave for the two-week DMAT deployments, which happen without warning. His work flexibility, and an understanding family, allowed him to be instrumental to the growth and development of DMAT.

His most recent deployment, to Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, was the toughest, he admitted. The conditions, and the typical 12-hour days DMAT members worked, were challenging. Although he ended up becoming dehydrated and needing treatment himself, he was happy to be there to help.

“I’ve had the opportunity to go to many places, and they were all different experiences,” said Mastrodomenico. “Every time there was need, it just got my adrenaline flowing. I’d just do it.”



*DMORT Administrative Officers in Grapevine, Texas*

**Back Row**, L-R: Todd Wolfe, Region III; Arbie Goings, FACT; Kim Plunk, Region IV; Rich Lipich, Region VIII

**Middle Row**, L-R: Barbara Salisburg, Region II; Kathy Costigan, Region I; Jamie Hawthorne, Deputy AO, Region VI; Penny Englert, Region X; JJ Douglas, Guest from Region X; John Frasco, Region VII

**Front Row**, L-R: Cindy Mathews, Region VI; Sue Atwood, Region V; Barbara Salazar, Region IX; Susan Eastman, Deputy AO, FACT

**Not Pictured:** Melissa Moekel, WMD

## **REGION II NEWS**

*Kevin Costagin*

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. As part of their remembrance, the New York City Medical Examiner has extended an invitation to all of DMORT and their spouses/significant others to attend their annual Memorial Service on Sept 11, 2011 at Memorial Park (30<sup>th</sup> St & 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Manhattan).

The service will be around noon on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and last approximately one hour. This service is NOT connected to ceremonies at Ground Zero, which will be closed to all but invited guests that day. Families of the 9/11 victims are invited to the OCME Memorial Service to participate each year. This is a nonpaid, non USERRA event. I have, however, received permission from Dr. Yeskey and Jack Beall for DMORT to attend the services in our BDU uniform. To look as professional as possible, I would ask that those attending to wear a plain black t-shirt under the BDU (no novelty shirts please). I am trying to identify a suitable location for those who would

like to visit with each other and possibly get something to eat (at their own expense) for after the service, but I can't promise anything.

The Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Plaza at Ground Zero opens to the public on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Although there is no admission charge, tickets must be requested via the internet beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>. I will forward the website to all of you once I can verify it.

In order to make this manageable and for planning and security purposes, I have asked each Team Commander to collect their own list of attendees (team members and spouse/significant others) and once finalized, forward a completed attendance list by August 11<sup>th</sup>.

For those that require hotel accommodations, I would suggest looking at the outer boroughs or New Jersey as alternatives, as many Manhattan hotels are charging \$ 300+ per night, if available, that weekend.

**REGION III**  
**ANNUAL TRAINING**  
**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**  
**March 25-27, 2011**

**DMORT Region III** held their annual team training in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on March 25-27, 2011.

Deputy Commander, **John McGuire**, and Training Officer, **Patrick Murray**, kicked off the training weekend with welcoming statements and a summary of training objectives. Ten new team members were also sworn in.

DMORT Region III Officers and team members contributed immensely to the training. Deputy Commanders, **John Carson and Jack Ingle**, reviewed Region III Situational Awareness, joined by special guest, **Harry Mayer**, Region III Emergency Coordinator. Team Safety Officer, **David DeCapria**, delivered the FEMA AWR 140 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness course. **George Milner, PhD** (Team Member and Forensic Anthropologist) discussed how to pack a functional "go kit" in "The Right Stuff: Your Go Kit." Team Training Officer, **Judy Shabbick, CRNP**, gave a Mental Health presentation. **Michael Kaner, DDS** (Team Member and Forensic Odontologist) spoke on "Bioterrorism and Implications for Disaster Response Teams." Team Chaplain, **Greg Van Dyke**, led a discussion on "The Role of the Chaplain."

The team participated in two breakout sessions: PA Special Medical Response Team (SMRT) on "Medical Deployability Standards," and the Region III Forensic Anthropologists spoke about "Cultural Awareness and Challenges on International Missions." Two technical presentations

were organized, emphasizing the morgue station activities at the DNA and Embalming Stations. Individual Work Groups were convened to engage team discussion in the following topics: dental training, continuing education, and appropriate use of social media.

The activities ran smoothly throughout the weekend, thanks to the Audio/Visual and Technical Support Team, staffed by **Bryan Allison** and **Ted Reed**.

A special session, “Haiti: One Year Later,” was led by the DMORT III responders who deployed to Haiti. They organized a group session to reflect on their impressions and memories of that unprecedented, international, multi-agency mission.

During the training weekend, all team members had their immunizations reviewed and member information updated in RMS, in an effort led by Administrative Officer, **Todd Wolfe**.

The highlight of the weekend was the Annual Team Awards Ceremony and Pig Roast, on Saturday evening. The *DMORT III Pick-Up Band* – **Ellen Grimes**, **Nick Edwards**, and Distinguished Employee of the Year **Troy Lyons** – provided lively entertainment.

The DMORT Region III Leadership Team would like to express their gratitude to the entire team for contributing to the success of this comprehensive training.



## REGION VII TRAINING

**Region VII** will once again hold an unfunded training this summer. This year, it will be located at **Osage Beach, Missouri**, on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, on the weekend of August 19-21, 2011.

If anyone is interested in attending, please contact John Filippi at [flipdmort@aol.com](mailto:flipdmort@aol.com). Please remember that this training is completely unfunded, but all are welcome.

## REGION VII NEWS

### NLE 2011 National Level Exercise

During the New Madrid Seismic Zone Exercise (NLE2011 National Level Exercise), held May 15-20, 2011, DMORT VII Team Commander **Bill Young** and DMORT VII Administrative Officer **John Frasco** had the privilege of providing guidance at the Missouri State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in Jefferson City, Missouri. They worked closely with the Department of Health personnel and **Mr. Don Otto**, the Executive Director of the Missouri Funeral Directors' Association.

Bill and John offered advice as requested regarding the mechanism for requesting Federal assistance, helped stimulate some challenging discussions and assisted in monitoring the death toll from the simulated event.

In addition, both Young and Frasco were tasked by the ESF 8 Lead CDR **Chris Kates** (Region VII) to assist the IRCT as subject matter experts.

An additional element of the New Madrid Seismic Zone Exercise (NLE) was held in Branson, Missouri at the same time. DMORT VII Deputy Commanders, **Mike Henderson**, **Mike Phillips**, Training Officer **John "doc" Filippi**, and **Greg Klimetz** from the FAC, represented various components of the Federal DMORT Team. These members provided subject matter expertise and assessments regarding body recovery and morgue operations. This Team worked in conjunction with the Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association Disaster Response Team, (IC **Jim Eaton**) and the Missouri Center of Emergency Response and Terrorism (ERC **Aaron Winslow**).

This dual operation was an excellent opportunity to work closely with the Region VII local and state partners to share information, assess the capabilities and help develop strategies to strengthen the local, county and state ability to response to catastrophic events.



*Aaron Winslow, Mike Henderson, John Filippi Mike Philips and Jim Eaton*

### Condolences

DMORT team members would like to express their condolences to **Darrel** and **Kevin Carmichael** on the passing of Georgia Carmichael (Darrel's wife and Kevin's mother) after a lengthy illness. Our sincere sympathy is with the family during this difficult time.

### **WELCOME TO DMORT VIII's NEW TEAM MEMBERS**



**Lloyd Swint** - Lloyd Swint is currently serving as the Assistant Director of the Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary, Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge and St. Simeon Cemetery in Aurora, Colorado.

Prior to joining the Archdiocese of Denver, Lloyd was a crime lab technician and was later commissioned as a Deputy Sheriff in Law Enforcement Division of the Lucas County Sheriff's Office in Toledo, Ohio.

After moving to Colorado in 1988, he was commissioned as a Deputy Sheriff in the Patrol Division of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and was later promoted to Criminal Investigator in the Investigations Division until his early retirement in 2003, when he assumed his current position.

Lloyd holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Law Enforcement. He is the past president of the Colorado Association of Cemeteries, a member of the Archbishop's Pandemic Planning Committee and The National Catholic Cemetery Conference Committee on Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness. He's active and holds membership in numerous professional, social and church organizations.

Lloyd resides in Littleton, Colorado with his wife Julie and 6 children Chet, Joey, Frances, Peter, Emma and John Paul.



**David Black** – David has been an x-ray technologist since 2005, and has worked in Florida, Colorado and Wyoming. He is originally from Florida, but has lived in Colorado since 2006. Being an avid skier in winter, you'll find him on the slopes two - three times a week. In the summer, he's an avid motorcyclist, owning a Harley (2008 Fatboy). Prior to working in x-ray, he was a scuba instructor for 15 years, had the opportunity to travel to many places in the world and lived in some odd places while teaching, like Grand Cayman and

Bimini, Bahamas.



**Scott Murray** – Scott was born and raised in Logan, Utah and resides there still. He's employed by Logan City Police Department, with nearly 14 years of combined law enforcement experience. He is currently assigned to the Investigations Division working in the School Resource/Juvenile Crime area. Scott has spent over five years in the Crimes Against Persons/Homicide/Sex Crimes Division. He is also on the SWAT Team for the Department. In addition, he is a Field Investigator for the Utah Office of the State Medical Examiner.

Scott enjoys all aspects of the outdoors in beautiful Utah....camping, hunting, and fishing, but most of all dirt bike riding and spending time with family. He is looking forward to meeting new people within DMORT and excited to be a part of the team!

## **REGION IX NEWS**

### **New Team Members**



**Katie Mason**, a forensic photographer, was born in Rock Island, Illinois, and moved to Phoenix with her family at a young age. She moved to Alaska in 2003, lived in Anchorage and then moved up to Kotzebue, a tiny Native village above the Arctic Circle. She loved her time there and hopes to move back some day (maybe after she retires). She graduated from Arizona State University in 2006 with a Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology. Katie's current job is a Crime Scene Specialist for the City of Phoenix Police Department. She enjoys camping, hiking, and biking. She looks forward to working with the DMORT team.



**Troy S. Mead** is an Emergency Planning Analyst, who lives in Tucson, Arizona. He has had 19 years of experience in the Emergency Services Arena, being an EMT-Basic when he was 18 and EMT-Paramedic/Firefighter when he was 20 years old. He grew up in Kansas, which gave him significant experience in dealing with severe thunderstorms, tornados, flooding and winter storms. Troy spent 6 years as a Reserve Sheriff Deputy in his pursuit to be a well-rounded Emergency Manager, with experience in EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and Public Health. His first large scale disaster was the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. At that time, he had a SAR K9 (Search and Recovery Canine). He obtained his first Certification as an Emergency Manager in 2003 from the Kansas Emergency Management Association. He then spent several years in Florida and obtained his first degree in Emergency Administration and Management. While in Florida, Troy obtained his Certification as an Emergency Manager from the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association. He was in Florida for Hurricanes Charlie, Ivan, Francis and Jean in 2004. In 2005 he responded to Alabama after Hurricane Katrina as an Ambulance Strike Team leader.

Troy currently lives in Tucson, Arizona, and works for Lake Mohave Rancho Fire District as an Engineer/Paramedic/Emergency Planner, and also works part time for SCI Cooperation in Funeral Services.

In his free time, he enjoys hiking, going to the lake, snowboarding and spending time with his friends and family. Troy is looking forward to meeting others on the team and learning from the team's experiences.

## FACT NEWS

### Condolences

We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences and kind thoughts to **Todd Grisier** (DMORT FACT) and his family on the loss of Todd's brother Eric. Eric N. Grisier, age 48, of Archbold, Ohio, passed away on July 4, 2011, after a long battle with kidney cancer. Eric enjoyed outdoor activities including golfing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and sitting around a well-constructed bonfire (constructed by him, of course!). His greatest love was his family—his wife and children.

## RESTORE JOPLIN T-SHIRT PROJECT

The original “**Restore Joplin**” shirt was launched on Sunday, **May 22, 2011**, very shortly after the devastating EF-5 tornado tore its way through Joplin, Missouri. Binky Guy's Custom T's in Joplin began selling the shirts with intention of donating the proceeds to get real money, to real people, with real needs, as quickly as possible. Continuing the tradition of previous deployments, the NDMS/DMORT family came together, and went above and beyond to give something back to the affected community. Working with Binky Guy's owner, Mike Wakefield, Region V members **Shawn Wilson** and **Dave Walters** produced a “Restore Joplin” deployment shirt featuring the DMORT logo on the back of the shirt.



With the generous contributions of NDMS members from DMORT, DMAT, LRAT's, FACT, IRCT and Jasper County Sheriff's Office, we sold an incredible 113 shirts in 1 day. From that, we were able to donate \$2500 to the Restore Joplin fund at Christ's Church of Joplin. On behalf of the residents of Joplin, Mike sent this response “Thanks again for everything you all did for Joplin.” Another mission we can all be proud of!

If you missed out and are interested in ordering a DMORT “Restore Joplin” shirt contact Shawn ([sjw017@yahoo.com](mailto:sjw017@yahoo.com)) for details. We are glad to continue helping the residents of Joplin.

**There will be an additional DMORT National Newsletter coming soon regarding the 2011 Joplin DMORT deployment.**

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