

Inter-Agency Fleet Staff Support Medical Examiner (OCME)

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As COVID-19 devastated NYC, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) was challenged with an extraordinarily difficult, somber, and wide-ranging responsibility. A massive crisis morgue operation was put in place at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, led by OCME Deputy Commissioner Frank DePaolo. Retired Fire Captain Charlie Armone and retired OEM Deputy Commissioner John Scrivani returned to help manage the complex logistics behind these operations.

Over 150 equipment units were scaled up quickly for this operation and staffing from the National Guard and emergency services lent critical support to OCME and its dedicated staff. You can read more about this effort from Time Magazine [here](#).

Fleet Services from NYCHA, DOT, DEP, NYC Parks, DOC, and DCAS also provided trucks and skilled commercial drivers to participate in these operations. Deputy Commissioner Frank DePaolo states, "The NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner greatly appreciates the assistance received from DCAS Fleet and other federal, state, and NYC partner agencies who helped with our response to this tragic event."



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In one of NYC's darkest hours, an extraordinary team of public servants came together to address the most sobering of responsibilities. This was the best of NYC in action.

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