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Medical examiners per se are not included in the definition of first responders but presumably would be included in the "other" category.

While there has been debate as to whether medical examiner personnel are "first responders", please note, medical examiners are required by law to immediately respond to the scene of a dead body and take charge of same.

Therefore, in any setting involving fatalities, medical examiners/coroners are first responders with all of the same health and safety concerns as any other responder and will certainly benefit from the guidance provided.