

Success Story

Erie County



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Medical Examiners present on Flight 3407

The Erie County Department of Health Medical Examiner's Office (ECMEO) continues to work on various aspects of flight CON 3407. The office has been coordinating with families in order to bury the final remains this fall. Erie County Medical Examiner Dr. Mark LeVaughn continues to be in contact with the victims' families and Investigator Colleen Brzyski and Assistant Toxicologist Colleen Corcoran continue to ensure that computer and paper files are updated with current information.

Erie County Medical Examiner Dr. Dianne Vertes spoke about the ECMEO's role in the recovery of Flight 3407 at the 2009 National Association of Medical Examiner's annual conference in San Francisco, CA on September 12, 2009. Her talk focused on the many partners that were involved with this tremendous task, including the Erie County Department of Health, Mercyhurst College, Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team, Erie County Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART) volunteers, University at Buffalo Dental and Anthropology Departments and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory.

Erie County Medical Examiners, Dr. James Woytash, Dr. Dianne Vertes, Dr. Mark LeVaughn and Dr. Jonrika Malone, presented on the various aspects and agencies involved in the recovery of Flight 3407 at the at the New York State Association of County Coroner's and Medical Examiners semi-annual conference in Fairport, NY on Sept. 20, 2009.

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