



NamUs Critical Incident Solution

Throughout the coming year, the National Institute of Justice will be upgrading the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) to provide additional features and make it easier for everyone to use — from the input of new cases to searches across the databases.

We'll be updating the NamUs community on planned features and functions as well as release dates when they become available through the following web page:
<http://namus.gov/new-features.htm>.

The first of these new features under development that we want to announce is a new solution for reuniting families during critical incidents.

Mass casualty, large-scale, or multi-state incidents – often called “critical incidents” – present unique challenges when it comes to finding the missing and reuniting families.

September 11th, the Boston Marathon bombings, hurricanes, disease outbreaks, and transportation disasters are just a few of the tragic incidents that have occurred on a massive scale and at a very human cost.

NamUs has taken up the call to help law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, emergency responders, and the public reunite families during critical incidents. We are currently developing technology to provide:

- A centralized, secure data warehouse for victim accounting (missing, injured, deceased and unaccounted for victims).
- Real-time victim data and situational awareness to help emergency officials guide the response.
- An intuitive interface that ensures the right data is collected on the missing.
- The ability for state emergency managers to collaborate and work with other states and federal resources seamlessly.
- Ways for the public to self-report themselves safe.
- Training materials and environments to promote preparedness.
- Free and secure access for state, local and federal officials.

For nearly a decade, the National Institute of Justice's NamUs has brought together and assisted families, law enforcement, forensic experts, coroners and medical examiners to help reunite families and find the missing. We're excited to leverage that deep experience and relationships to help do the same during the chaos of critical incidents.