

Position Statement on Medical Examiner Involvement in Bioterrorism Surveillance 11/3/2001

The National Association of Medical Examiners Executive Committee recognizes a need for proactive surveillance for agents possibly involved in acts of terrorism or aggression. The NAME encourages individual medical examiner systems, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state and local health departments, and other relevant agencies to work together with NAME and its membership in developing practical systems of surveillance. Such systems must be consistent with death investigation statutes, practical in terms of scope and application site, and include funding and manpower support for system development, implementation and ongoing management.