

Terrorist truck attack in Nice on the 14th of July 2016: Disaster Victim Identification

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ABSTRACT

On the 14th of July, around 11 pm, a truck rammed into the crowd who were gathered on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice to watch national day fireworks. The driver hit all the people in his way, killing 86 people, including 17 children and injuring more than 400 people according to the status report in August 2016. Twenty-four foreign victims represented 16 different nationalities. The attack was claimed by DAESCH.

A well-staffed forensic odontology team was rapidly set up to deal with the emergency identification and allow a non-stop work schedule during the 3 days after the terrorist attack. These French forensic odontologists with different skills and experiences proved to be mutually reinforcing.

Two separate protocols were developed: one for identification and one for autopsy to be more efficient.

Forensic Dentists participated in both the Post-Mortem team at Nice Hospital and in the Ante-Mortem team where the victims' families were received. They also examined the unconscious victims' dentitions. Then, in the reconciliation dental section, they conducted comparisons, established identifications and prepared expert opinions for matches.

One or two identification commissions were organized every day, effectively putting "a go with the flow" policy in place, as new matches emerged; six identification commissions took place in total. One dentist participated in each of them.

The results of the different identification methods and these new organizational procedures will be laid out in the presentation.