

HEMS MCA
Procedures
Dead on Scene- Supplement

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Emergency medical personnel when responding to a dead-on scene or a CPR without ROSC, the EMS personnel, if possible, will obtain a time of death and contact the Medical Examiner (ME) for a case number when in one of the below situations. If not possible to remain on scene, immediate transport will be initiated to the closest facility with morgue capabilities.

- Unstable scene
 - Police Department request
 - Hostile situation
 - Public venue
 - Determination of crew
1. Movement of the body will only be done after approval from the ME's office.
 - a. The body may also be moved at the request of PD if they are in contact with the ME's office.
 - b. No request for movement of body will take place if there is any indication of violence, criminal activity or if the physical environment may contain evidence related to a cause of death or an injury pattern.
 2. EMS will contact the closest facility excluding off-campus free standing facilities and within the county of declaration for transport and the hospital will register the patient per their ME notification procedure.
 3. EMS providers will inform the family that the patient is deceased, and they are only transporting to the hospital for ME pickup.
 - a. EMS personnel will give the family contact information for the ME Office 313-833-2504
 - b. EMS personnel will make sure the family is aware that they will not be able to view the body at the hospital so there is no need to go to the hospital.
 4. Upon contact with the ME's office and a time greater than 1 hour is given for their arrival, then transport the body to the closest hospital with a morgue.
 - a. Make sure to notify the ME of transport locations
 - b. ME's Office Number: 313-833-2568
 - c. If your agency does not have another vehicle in service and is unable to stay on scene for 1 hour, then initiate transport once the ME has given approval.

In every case where a patient is transported to a hospital under this protocol, the agency will submit an email to HEMS Medical Control Authority advising of this fact for review within 72 hours.

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