



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

	<h1>GENERAL ORDER</h1> 320.02	
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Emergency Medical Services	7/16/1984	1/5/2009	N/A

SUBJECT: Medical Examiner Notifications

APPLICABILITY: All Personnel

POLICY:

The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) requests for a medical examiner will be handled through the Howard County Police Department.

1 General

- 1.1 Fire and Rescue Service personnel will upon verification of an on scene death (confirmed DOA/Priority 4) notify the County Police through Communications.
- 1.2 The Police are responsible for making notification to the Medical Examiner.
- 1.3 Fire and Rescue Service personnel will be relieved of their on scene activities (confirmed DOA/Priority 4) when the Police arrive and secure the area.
- 1.4 Fire and Rescue Service personnel will preserve the area of any situation involving death from unusual circumstances.
- 1.5 Fire and Rescue Service personnel will, upon request from the Police, provide support at incidents such as underwater body recovery, lighting an area, etc.
- 1.6 Fire and Rescue Service personnel shall offer emotional support to the immediate family and provide medical treatment if necessary.

Approved:



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