

EXECUTIVE ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject: D.C. Fire and EMS Death Pronouncements
Number EO-18-004
Effective Date February 23, 2018
Related To: GO-SPT-302.01 (Calls for Police Services) GO-SPT-401.01 (Field Reporting System)
Rescinds: TT 06-088-17 D.C. Fire and EMS Death Pronouncements, Effective Date June 23, 2017

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this executive order is to remind members that, effective June 15, 2017, the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Service (DCFEMS) began providing pronouncements of deceased persons under the authority of the Interim Medical Director.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. DCFEMS will provide a pronouncement time to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members on scenes where a deceased person is not transported. Members shall:
1. Obtain the pronouncement time.
 2. Obtain the name of the doctor/DCFEMS employee pronouncing a deceased person before leaving the scene.
 3. Document the information in the internal narrative of their field report.
 4. Advise the responding homicide detective upon their arrival on the scene.
- B. Failure to obtain the pronouncement time will cause a delay in the response by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) investigators. The OCME investigators will not respond until given the pronouncement time.



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