

22. Unattended and Attended Deaths

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22.1 Purpose and Expected Results

To provide ambulance crew guidance when encountering an unattended or attended death.

22.2 Circumstances of Applicability

Anytime the Squad is called to the scene of an unattended or attended death occurs.

22.3 Requisites

None.

22.4 Procedure Description

22.4.1 Obvious Death

When the ambulance crew arrives on the scene an obvious death, the crew needs to:

- a) Access the patient for viability.
- b) If the patient is not viable, protect the scene as a possible crime scene.
- c) Contact Tioga County Fire Control for Law Enforcement assistance at the scene.
- d) Support the family or loved ones.
- e) Advise Tioga County Fire Control to contact the on-call coroner.
- f) Once Law Enforcement arrives at the scene, turn the patient and scene over to law enforcement.
- g) Obtain an address or fax number of the coroner to whom send a copy of the completed ePCR to.
- h) Return to available service
- i) Complete and send a copy of ePCR to the County Coroner.

22.4.2 Field Terminate CPR

If a valid DNR order is presented or a CPR effort is field terminated, follow SREMS protocol with respect to notifications. Support the family. Replace supplies. Return to service.