

Bowie Police Department - General Orders



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I. PURPOSE

The Bowie Police Department shall ensure uniformity when Officers require assistance from the Chief Medical Examiner’s Office for the State of Maryland, Officers shall adhere to the following.

II. POLICY

The Medical Examiner will be notified in all situations where an officer responds to a location where a death has occurred.

III. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notifications will normally be made through Communications at the request of the Officer on the scene. The requesting Officer shall provide as much information as possible such as: name of the deceased, age, medical history, position of the body when found and by whom, visible injuries, or other pertinent facts of the case. Only the Medical Examiner’s Office can release a body.

IV. INCIDENTS REQUIRING NOTIFICATION

The following incidents shall require a notification to the Medical Examiner’s Office.

- I. Homicides/Suicides
- II. Unattended deaths
- III. Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents

V. OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

Along with the Medical Examiner’s Office the proper investigative unit shall also require notification.

- I. Homicides/Suicides investigated by Prince George’s County Police Department Homicide Unit
- II. Unattended Deaths investigated by Prince George’s County Police Department Homicide Unit
- III. Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents investigated by City of Bowie Crash Reconstruction officers.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

Officers shall document all notifications to the Medical Examiner's Office on the appropriate Incident Report or Special Report. Supervisors shall ensure that these notifications are recorded.