

**REGION I EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDING MEDICAL ORDERS
EMT – Basic, EMT – Paramedic**

SMO: Notification of Coroner

Overview: Certain patient death situations require notification of a Coroner for investigation into that death. The following deaths that occur in EMS Region 1 will be reported to the coroner of the county affected.

Coroner Notification:

- Sudden or violent death, whether apparently suicidal, homicidal, or accidental.
- Maternal and/or fetal death due to abortion or any death due to a sex crime or a crime against nature.
- Death where circumstances are suspicious, obscure, or mysterious or where in the written opinion of the attending physician, the cause of death is not determined.
- Death where addiction to alcohol or to any drug may have been a contributory cause.
- Death not attended by a licensed physician within the last thirty days.
- Death occurring in any EMS Region 1 long term care facility if the body is not to be transported to the hospital.

Documentation of adherence to protocol:

- ___ Circumstances that fit any of the above categories for coroner notification.
- ___ Name of the officer(s) and their badge number who notify the coroner.
- ___ Name of the officer(s) and their badge number who take over a crime scene.

Medical Control Contact Criteria

- ___ If any question exists as to proper notification of the coroner.

PRECAUTIONS AND COMMENTS

- In EMS Region 1, coroner notification will be performed by assisting police officer. Name of the officer(s) and their badge number should be documented on ambulance report form.
- If the crime scene is turned over to the police, the name of the officer or officers and their badge numbers should be documented on the ambulance report form.