



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Roll Call Training/Shift Briefing

M.P.D FORM 101

Table with 3 columns: SUBJECT, REVISED, RESCINDS; REFERENCE, EFFECTIVE DATE, DISTRIBUTION. SUBJECT: Medical Examiner's Office and Death Response; EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019; DISTRIBUTION: All Personnel

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this roll call training document is to make all affected personnel aware of the role and responsibilities of the Medical Examiner with respect to Natural Death incidents.

In accordance with the current requirements, supervisors shall ensure all employees under their command are aware of the this document, by having them sign a daily worksheet (MNPD Form 255, Daily Worksheet), or other component receipt form acknowledging they have received notice of the information and accept responsibility to follow the directive(s) contained herein.

II. KEY POINTS TO COVER DURING ROLL CALL TRAINING

Determination of Nature of Death & Medical Examiner Notification

Once the responding officer has ascertained from appropriate medical authorities that a death has occurred not under hospice care or at a medical care facility, the Medical Examiner shall be notified.

Note: Effective July 1, 2019, the Medical Examiner will be responding to these deaths. Notification to the Medical Examiner should be made at the time TIS/CSI is on scene or confirmed as "en route".

Hospice Deaths

Hospice deaths with hospice medical staff present and/or deaths at a nursing home with medical staff present do not need to be reported to the Medical Examiner's Office unless there is some evidence or allegation of trauma, foul play or suspicious circumstances. Under state law, certain attended hospice deaths will not result in a notification to MNPD. Review MNPD Manual 18.140.020 regarding natural deaths under the care of a hospice program for additional guidance.

Medical Facility Deaths

Medical Facility deaths with appropriate medical staff present and/or deaths at an emergency room with medical staff present GENERALLY do not need to be reported to the Medical Examiner's Office unless there is some evidence or allegation trauma, foul play or suspicious circumstances. If there was a police response to the underlying incident, Medical Examiner staff may contact officers for additional information.

If in doubt about the role of the Medical Examiner in these incidents, contact the Medical Examiner's Office with any questions or clarification. 615-743-1800 or 800-216-0107.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance regarding death investigations, please contact a precinct detective or your supervisor.