Obvious Death

Dispatcher will dispatch fire first response Code 2 and cancel the ambulance response

Yes

PSC dispatcher determines person meets EMD criteria for obvious or expected death

No

Normal EMS response

Paramedic, EMT, designated first responder, or public safety officer finds injuries incompatible with life, i.e. the following conditions:
- Decapitation
- Incineration
- Rigor Mortis
- Decomposition
- Apnea with destruction and/or separation of the body from the heart, brain, liver, or lungs
- Multi-casualty incidents (MCIs) where triage principles preclude the initiation or continuation of resuscitation
- Submersions of one hour or longer confirmed by public safety personnel will be considered a body recovery, not a rescue operation
- An expected death due to a terminal illness

Yes → Do Not Begin Resuscitation
Follow Policy 507

No

Exit to appropriate protocol

Reinitiate ambulance response if appropriate

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