Obvious Death

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

Yes

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

No

Normal EMS response

Paramedic, EMT, designated first responder, or public safety officer finds injuries incompatible with life, ie. 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

or

If no bystander CPR and unwitnessed arrest; and Asystole

Yes

Do Not Begin Resuscitation
Follow Policy 507

No

Reinitiate ambulance response if appropriate

Exit to appropriate protocol

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