

	<p style="text-align: center;">SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY &amp; PROCEDURES</p>	
<p>TITLE: EMS LINE OF DUTY DEATH</p>		
<p>SECTION: GENERAL</p>	<p>POLICY NUMBER: D-50.0</p>	
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**PURPOSE:**

To establish a procedure for EMS agencies to notify the Southern Fox Valley EMS System in the event of an EMS crew member's death in the line of duty. The policy aims to ensure timely and accurate reporting of such incidents to the Illinois Department of Public Health, facilitate appropriate response and support from the EMS System, and maintain the confidentiality and privacy of the affected individuals and their families.

**POLICY:**

- 1) Upon learning about the life-threatening injury or medical condition of System member while on duty, the EMS agency and/or receiving ED will notify the Medical Director and System Coordinator as soon as possible.
  - a) The EMS Agency will provide accurate and detailed information regarding the incident, including date, time, location, and circumstances surrounding the crew member's injury/medical condition.
- 2) Upon learning about the death of a System member while on duty, the EMS agency and/or receiving ED will notify the Medical Director and System Coordinator as soon as possible.
  - a) The EMS Agency will provide accurate and detailed information regarding the incident, including date, time, location, and circumstances surrounding the crew member's cardiac arrest.
  - b) If death occurs in ED, ensure all potential evidence (i.e., all clothing, turnout gear, uniforms, etc.) are preserved and placed into paper bags. Evidence will be transferred to the investigating authority for the System EMS Agency.
  - c) When the deceased crew member is ready to be transported, the agency should have the opportunity to transport to the coroner's office.
    - i) The ambulance bay shall be free of non-EMS/FD staff during movement to the ambulance for transport.
  - d) If death occurs in the field, the Medical Director and System Coordinator will be notified within 1 hour.

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- e) Upon receiving the death notification, the Southern Fox EMS System will contact IDPH Section Chief or any other relevant governing body within 24 hours.
  - i) The Southern Fox Valley EMS System will provide accurate and timely information to IDPH, including the details of the incident, the identity of the deceased crew member, and any additional documentation or reports as required by regulatory guidelines.
  - ii) The Southern Fox Valley EMS System will collaborate with IDPH and cooperate fully with any investigation or review processes initiated by the regulatory agency.
- f) All information related to the EMS crew member fatality shall be treated with the utmost confidentiality and privacy, following applicable laws and regulations.