



City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline

600.02

Title: Response Procedures for Crime Scenes, Obvious DOAs and Acts of Domestic Terrorism

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Purpose: To establish a procedure for Fire/Rescue personnel to follow when responding to known crime scenes and to those patients that are obviously DOA.

Scope: This procedure is to be followed by all Fire/Rescue employees. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Chief or their designee, who is solely responsible for the results of any deviation. All incidents that require the establishment of a command structure shall follow the set guidelines for Incident Command as set forth in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

General:

600.02.01. Crime Scenes / DOA Patients:

The following procedure will be adhered to when responding to an incident involving a crime such as an assault, shooting, stabbing, domestic disturbance, etc.

All responding units will respond "Emergency" to a staging area within a safe distance from the reported address. Consideration should be given to the use of audible warning devices within several blocks of the incident so as not to increase an already volatile situation.

All other responding units should be advised of the staging area as soon as it is determined.

Units should stand-by at the staging area until the officer in charge of the scene confers with the Police scene commander and they determine that the scene is secured for Fire/Rescue personnel to enter.

All Fire Department personnel should cooperate with the Police Department in the conservation of evidence. Attempts should be made not to destroy any evidence. All trash from medical treatment, unless a direct threat of contamination is obvious should be left at the scene. Attempt to allow the Police Department personnel to mark the location of any victim that has been treated and transported to a medical facility.

Obvious DOA patients should not be moved until the Police Department has observed the scene. The scene should be secured as much as possible.

The investigating Police Officers may need our services in the areas of lighting the scene, taping off the area, etc. Units should advise "Winter Park" that they are available on the scene during this time.

In cases where the Medical Examiner needs to be notified, "Winter Park" should be notified to do so. They will also notify any Police units that are involved with the incident.

In possible homicide or suicide cases, do not remove or cut any clothing unless absolutely necessary. Secure the scene and call for the Police Department.

600.02.02. Bomb Threats:

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600.02.03. Potential Acts of Domestic Terrorism:

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