

**CCEMS
OPERATIONS POLICY 100-26
TRANSPORT TO FUNERAL HOMES**

I. PURPOSE


- 1.1 To ensure expedient removal of a deceased patient.

II. POLICY

- 2.1 If a family requests CCEMS to transport the deceased patient to the funeral home, CCEMS will comply. Requests should be within reason.

III. PROCEDURE

- 3.1 If, after arrival at a resident, the decision is made to not attempt resuscitation, get the appropriate communications and release from the Coshocton County Coroner. No CCEMS employee or personnel may move a deceased person until direction is given from the Coroner. CCEMS personnel will document the time the Coroner was notified.
- 3.2 If the Coroner releases the body, ask the family which funeral home they will be using. Attempts should be made to help the family make any necessary calls.
- 3.3 If the family does not have a funeral home then typically the Coroner will request EMS to transport to the CCMH morgue.
- 3.4 If the family is using a funeral home, call that home and advise them of the situation. Also, advise them that you will be transporting the deceased to the funeral home and your ETA.
- 3.5 Precaution should be taken to avoid known or potential body fluid exposure or contamination to EMS equipment.
- 3.6 Use all of your compassion and professionalism in this removal. Appropriately place the body on the cot and cover it neatly with a BLANKET to make a nice appearance for the family. It may be advisable to request the family to leave the room while you transfer the body to your cot. This is a very significant time for these families and we are representing not only the EMS, but the funeral home as well.
- 3.6.1 Sometimes Hospice patients have certain requirements when a victim is deceased. Special direction from the family or Hospice nurse should be obtained and followed.
- 3.7 When transferring a body over to the funeral home or morgue it is imperative that if using a body bag the identification cards are filled out with the person's name and attached properly. One tag should be placed on the person and one on the outside of the bag. Any belongings accompanying the person should be placed in a sack and tagged as well.
- 3.8 Advise the family to contact the funeral home for further information and arrangements.

Director: 

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