



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: EMS PERSONNEL POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING INJURY / DEATH

SECTION: INJURY / INFECTION

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**PURPOSE:**

Define the process for Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Medical Services (CDHEMSS) staff dealing with an EMS Personnel (as well as law enforcement) life-threatening injury or death.

**POLICY:**

Life-Threatening Injuries / Medical Condition while on duty

When an EMS provider has a life-threatening injury or medical condition while on duty:

1. Ensure that proper care is being delivered
2. Once delivered to the Emergency Room
  - a. ED/ECRN Staff
    - i. Ensure proper crowd control so that patient care is not compromised
    - ii. Ensure that the provider's Chief has been notified
    - iii. Contact the CDHEMSS Medical Director as soon as possible
    - iv. Contact the CDHEMSS System Coordinator as soon as possible
    - v. Find a conference room / meeting room for EMS personnel to convene, which is private in nature

Death while on duty

1. If death occurred at ED
  - a. Ensure proper crowd control for agency members arriving
  - b. Ensure the provider's Chief has been notified
  - c. Contact the CDHEMSS Medical Director as soon as possible
  - d. Contact the CDHEMSS System Coordinator as soon as possible
    - i. IDPH Section Chief shall be notified within 24 hours (unless law enforcement)
  - e. Find a conference room / meeting room for EMS personnel to convene, which is private in nature
  - f. Ensure that all potential evidence (such as all clothing, bunker gear, uniforms, etc) is preserved and placed into paper bags. Evidence shall be transferred to the investigating authority for the provider.

- g. If coroner case
  - i. When provider's remains are ready to be transported, the agency should have the opportunity to transport to the coroner's office
    - 1. The ambulance bay shall be free of non- EMS / FD staff during movement to ambulance for transport

2. Death in the field

- a. Follow all appropriate Region 8 Standard Operating Procedures and CDHEMSS Policies
- b. Notify the CDHEMSS Medical Director within 1 hour
- c. Notify the CDHEMS System Coordinator within 1 hour
  - i. IDPH Section Chief shall be notified within 24 hours (unless law enforcement)

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