



CHEVY CHASE
VILLAGE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Police Chief: John Fitzgerald

GENERAL ORDER: 5-52.2 NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL
EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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I. POLICY

The Medical Examiner's Office will be notified in all situations where an officer responds to a location where a death has occurred.

II. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notification will normally be made by ECC at the request of the officer on the scene. If the officer needs to call the ME's office directly, the number there is [REDACTED]

- A. Officers shall not move the body of a decedent unless authorized by a representative of the Medical Examiner's Office or the County Police investigator in charge of the scene.
- B. When communicating directly with the Medical Examiner or the investigator from the ME's office, the officer will provide the victim's name, if known, age, location found and any preliminary facts pertaining to the death.
- C. The representative of the Medical Examiner's office will decide whether to respond to the scene and/or will instruct the officer how to proceed.
- D. Whenever the Medical Examiner's Office is notified, the appropriate MCP investigative unit will also be notified by the officer.
- E. If the body is sent for an autopsy at the Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore, officers may use the following phone numbers for that office.
 - Main Office – [REDACTED]
 - Toxicology – [REDACTED]
 - Fax – [REDACTED]
- F. The officer will include in his/her report the date, time, and name of the representative from the Medical Examiner's Office who they notified, and what actions the representative took (i.e., responded to the scene, ordered an autopsy, released the body to a particular funeral home, etc.).

This directive voids the previous version dated 1/22/2008.