

DEAD ON SCENE/DO NOT RESUSCITATE STANDING ORDER

Initiate Immediate Assessment for the following criteria:

- Decapitated
- Decomposed
- Burned beyond recognition

If above criteria are present, call Law Enforcement, secure scene.

IF NOT PRESENT: Immediately assess and document the Presence of ALL of the following:

- Absence of carotid pulses: monitor for 60 seconds
- Skin temperature and color: Cool to touch & mottled, not secondary to submersion or exposure
- Presence of rigor and/or lividity
- Pupillary reaction/corneal reflex: Non-reactive
- Auscultate chest sounds: Absent heart tones and breath sounds
- 3-lead ECG: Asystole in all leads (if available)

Standing orders should **NOT** be used for patients found cold to touch secondary to submersion or exposure. These patients should be considered hypothermic and BCLS and ACLS procedures should be initiated.

If patient does not meet **ALL** inclusion criteria, Immediately initiate BCLS and ACLS procedures.

Initiate medical direction
IMMEDIATELY

Patient meets **ALL** inclusion criteria.
Document all findings, including hard copy of ECG

Call Law Enforcement, secure scene, call victim witness, and remain on scene until arrival. Obtain badge number of officer at scene.