

DEAD ON SCENE STANDING ORDER

EXCLUSION

This Standing Order should not be used on patients found cold to the touch secondary to submersion or environmental exposure. These patients should be considered hypothermic and ACLS or other approved resuscitative measures should be initiated



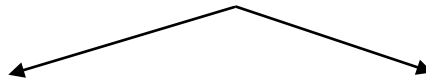
INCLUSION

Immediately Assess for the following criteria:

- Decapitated
- Decomposed
- Burned beyond recognition

If any of these criteria are met, continue documentation and notification below, If the above criteria are **NOT** present, **AND** the patient presents to the provider as likely deceased, assess and document **ALL** of the following

- Absence of carotid pulse for **60 seconds**
- Skin color and temperature
- Pupillary non-reaction
- Absence of heart tones and breath sounds
- Asystole in 3 leads (if available)



If above criteria **ARE** met, call Law Enforcement and secure the scene. Document findings and include Law Officer's name and Badge number

If the criteria above are **NOT** met, start appropriate treatment and contact Medical Direction authority