

Policy
Section

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Title EMS Crew Member – Line-of-Duty
Death

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## **Purpose**

To establish a procedure for EMS agencies to notify the North Region EMS System in the event of an EMS crew member's death in the line of duty. The policy aims to ensure timely and accurate reporting of such incidents to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), facilitate appropriate response and support from the EMS System, and maintain the confidentiality and privacy of the affected individuals and their families.

## **Policy**

- 1) Upon learning about the death of a North Region EMS System crew member in the line of duty, the EMS agency shall notify the EMS System.
  - Upon learning about the death of an EMS crew member in the line of duty, the EMS agency shall immediately notify the North Region EMS System before the end of the next business day.
  - b. The EMS agency shall provide accurate and detailed information regarding the incident, including the date, time, location, and circumstances surrounding the crew member's death.
- Upon receiving notification of an EMS crew member fatality, the North Region EMS System shall acknowledge the report and initiate the appropriate response and support mechanisms.
  - Upon receiving notification of an EMS crew member fatality, the North Region EMS System shall fulfill its responsibility to promptly notify the IDPH or any other relevant governing body before the end of the next business day.
  - b. The North Region EMS System shall provide accurate and timely information to IDPH, including the details of the incident, the identity of the deceased crew member, and any additional documentation or reports as required by regulatory guidelines.
  - c. The North Region EMS System shall collaborate with IDPH and cooperate fully with any investigation or review processes initiated by the regulatory agency.
- 3) All information related to the EMS crew member fatality shall be treated with the utmost confidentiality and privacy, following applicable laws and regulations.

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