



NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

CHAPTER: 1.24

TITLE: IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

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PURPOSE

The following Chapter shall establish guidelines to be followed in the event a suspect dies while in police custody.

MEMBER'S RESPONSINILITIES

1. If an member believes a suspect in his/her custody is seriously injured, dying or has died, he/she shall immediately:
 - (a) Notify the Communications Services,
 - (b) Request an E.M.S. unit be dispatched to the scene,
 - (c) Render first aid within the training and skill of the member,
 - (d) Notify his/her immediate supervisor, and
 - (e) Preserve the scene.

SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2. Once a supervisor becomes aware that a suspect in custody is seriously injured, dying or has died, he/she shall immediately;
 - (a) Proceed to the scene,
 - (b) Notify the Communications Services,
 - (c) Request an E.M.S. unit be dispatched to the scene if not already dispatched or enroute,
 - (d) Render first aid within the training and skill of the supervisor,
 - (e) Identify and isolate any witnesses, including officers, and
 - (f) Preserve the scene until PIB - FIT arrives and assumes the investigation.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Communication Services shall make notifications as specified in **Chapter 1.3.6 – Reporting Use of Force** and **Chapter 1.3.2 – Force Investigation Team**.