

CIVILIAN FIRE DEATH

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Actual identification of victims will be left to the appropriate Medical Examiner and **no statement referring to the victim's identification or cause of death will be made by any company members.**
- Treat these events like a crime scene.
- Evidence preservation should be considered in all tactics.

PROTOCOL:

- 1. If a fire death victim is discovered during fire scene operations, the Incident Commander will immediately notify the following:**
 - A. The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
 - B. The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and the Duty Investigator.
 - C. The department/district Chaplain.
- 2. A victim may be removed only if the body will be subject to additional insult.**
 - A. If moving the body is necessary, coordinate the movement with a law enforcement representative.
 - B. Only move a body far enough to protect it.
 - C. Take pictures of the location and position of the body so an Oregon Fire Casualty Report can be completed with a drawing depicting the position of the victim when found.
- 3. If moved outside the structure, the body will be covered and the scene custody is maintained. Before the body is moved:**
 - A. Take mental notes;
 - B. Create sketches;
 - C. Take photographs
- 4. All persons assigned to the immediate area of the structure or having knowledge relevant to the fire shall fill out a supplemental report or RMS narrative documenting all actions and observations made per department policy.**