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| **PURPOSE:** | To explain the procedure to transport deceased human bodies. |
| **SCOPE:** | This guideline applies to sworn PCCO personnel. |
| **GUIDELINE:** | Deceased shall be moved with respect and as much dignity as the scene allows. Moving of deceased shall be in the safest manner possible to avoid injuries to staff and other agencies assisting.   1. The body shall be placed into an office provided body pouch on every case prior to leaving the scene. The pouch shall be zipped closed in all cases and sealed with number tag in suspicious cases. The hands shall be bagged in paper bags and secured with evidence tape when indicated by scene investigation. 2. The body is the jurisdiction of the Coroner in all Cases from arrival on. The Coroner/Deputy Coroner shall not leave the remains unattended in any circumstances unless absolutely necessary due to extenuating circumstances such as radioactivity or other contamination. The only exception to this shall be when weather/night fall prohibits the removal of remains. In such event the scene shall be guarded by law Enforcement and Supervising Coroner/Chief Deputy Coroner shall approve. 3. Deceased shall have a wrist band placed with the subjects identity (If determined), case number and PCCO written in sharpie on it. This identity band shall be placed before departing scene. See Identification Guideline for unidentified cases. 4. Appropriate biohazard PPE shall be worn to avoid risk of exposure to body fluids. 5. The deceased shall be placed into Coroner Office vehicles using power cots. 6. Agencies such as law enforcement, fire or EMS shall be asked for assistance to avoid injury. 7. The deceased shall be transported to the Park County Morgue. The deceased shall be placed in the cooler following the morgue intake guideline. 8. Deceased over 250lbs will require PCCO staff to enlist at least one other person to assist. This person should be in the following order PCCO staff, law enforcement, fire, EMS or designated county employee. 9. If the body is decomposed or is known to have an infectious blood borne disease the subject shall be sealed using the bio-seal containment system. After the sealing the body shall be placed in the cooler. 10. Before subject is removed from the morgue for any reason including transferred to funeral home the wrist band shall be verified to confirm identity. |
| **NOTE:** | In the case of extreme morbid obesity of deceased consult with Coroner or Chief Deputy Coroner for other possible removal and storage options. |
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