**Formal Pronouncement of Death**

**Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for clarification of who may legally pronounce death of an individual.

**Procedure**

The only individuals who can pronounce death in the State of Idaho are licensed physicians, PA’s, NP’s, or the MDI’s, Chief Deputy, Coroner, or Forensic Pathologists employed by the KCCO. The pronouncement may be in a medical setting or in the field. Paramedics, Fire, and Law Enforcement CANNOT pronounce death, so the MDI should not use any pronounced time provided by these agencies for reports unless the TOD was given by a Physician.