



COMMUNICATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Policy# 14-0619-3 Communication with Law Enforcement (2 pages)

Purpose: To have a policy on communicating with law enforcement on active cases with open joint investigations.

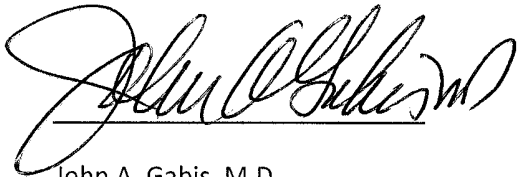
Justification: The manner of death is an investigative finding and often involves a joint investigation with law enforcement. It is vital to the investigation to share findings between agencies.

Policy:

1. It is this office's policy to do joint simultaneous scene investigation with law enforcement when appropriate; it is vital that continues throughout the entire investigation with sharing of information.
2. The investigator will determine the lead investigator for law enforcement and document this as part of his/her worksheet. This will allow the chief investigator to share reports/information with the law enforcement investigator as they become available.
3. Communication between this office and the law enforcement agency will occur as necessary throughout the investigation.
4. Report sharing will occur as necessary.
5. This office will assure that the prosecutor's office is updated when the investigation warrants.
6. Meeting/s with law enforcement will occur as necessary prior to manner of death is ruled.

7. Communication may be in the form of phone calls, texts, emails, or in person. All pertinent information obtained in all communications must be documented.

This policy has been approved and is in effect until further notice:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Gabis, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

John A. Gabis, M.D.
Office of the Coroner, Ross County, Ohio

June 19, 2014

Date