

Transportation

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Purpose

To define who has the statutory responsibility and who is legally responsible for the transportation of human remains.

Policy

It is the statutory responsibility of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to assume custody of a body in those cases falling within its jurisdiction. This includes arranging the transportation of those remains in all cases where jurisdiction has been assumed.

Procedures

Approved Transportation Providers:

Persons approved to provide transportation of human remains are coroner's staff personnel, funeral directors and representatives, emergency medical professionals, and carriers approved by the [REDACTED]

Carrier Defined:

Carriers providing body transport within [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are determined through contracts or agreements with the Purchasing Department and the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Criteria for the ability to provide transport services are set by the Purchasing Department and the Coroner.

Fee Paid:

The [REDACTED] assumes the cost of transportation from the scene of death to the Coroner's facility. Transportation fees will not be paid when non-authorized transporters are used.

Transportation of Human Remains by Family Members:

In the State of Colorado, a family may elect to manage the transport and burial of a decedent without a funeral home. A transit permit is required and can be issued by the Tri-County Health Department.

Policy/Procedure Violations

Violations of this policy are grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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