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<h1>Rules and Regulations</h1>

<h2>County Coroner</h2>

Purpose:

To establish Rules and Procedure to be followed when requesting the services of the Walla Walla County Coroner.

Scope:

These Rules shall apply to all uniformed members of the College Place Fire Department.

Responsibility:

1. Each member of the Fire Department shall be responsible to follow the procedures established in these Rules.
2. These Rules are subject to modification by the Walla Walla County Coroner, with the concurrence of the Fire Chief.


Procedure:

1. If the death is by violence, or thought or known to be from unnatural causes:
 - a) Contact dispatch, preferably by telephone, or cellular phone, radio if necessary.
 - b) If no law enforcement officer is available at the scene, request a response by the appropriate jurisdiction. (Sheriff, Police Department, etc.)
 - c) Request that Dispatch contact the Coroner and have him/her respond to the scene.
 - d) Protect the scene and any evidence in every possible way until law enforcement arrives.
2. If the death appears to be from natural causes:
 - a) If there is no law enforcement officer at the scene, request that one respond as soon as possible.

- b) Obtain as much information as possible; i.e., if there was a terminal illness, significant medical history, name of the attending physician, etc.
- c) Contact the Coroner by landline. Give him/her the information you have obtained, and the Coroner will make the decision as to whether he/she will respond, or call a funeral home.

Should it not be possible to contact the Coroner directly, request that Dispatch contact the Coroner, and have Dispatch relay the information. Dispatch will advise you whether or not the Coroner will be responding, or if a funeral home will be contacted.

- 3. In either event, upon arrival of law enforcement, advise Dispatch that you are in service, and return to quarters or other duties.

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