



# CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT



## Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

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This protocol will be used when law enforcement personnel advise EMS that they have responded to a crime scene or EMS determines that a crime scene may exist.

Do not go on scene until dispatch verifies the scene is secure, thru the appropriate law enforcement dispatch.

### Purpose

To ensure the protection of patient welfare as well as to ensure the ability to conduct an effective and thorough investigation.

### Response / On Scene Situations

1. Only those units assigned will respond to the call. Over response tends to cause confusion at the crime scene and destruction of evidence.
2. When approaching a potential crime scene that is being protected by law enforcement personnel, the Paramedic/EMT may request entry into the area to determine life status of the individual.
3. If law enforcement personnel refuse access to the crime scene, do not become confrontational. Notify your EMS Agency Supervisor and complete an incident report as required.
4. When personnel are allowed access into the scene, the minimum number of required EMS personnel should enter to minimize disturbance of the crime scene.
5. DO NOT attempt resuscitation if the patient has no pulse, no spontaneous respiration, AND meets criteria outlined in [General Protocol 1.4](#) - Death in the Field.
6. If treatment and/or resuscitation are warranted, follow appropriate Protocol.
7. When on scene:
  - a. Keep your medical equipment close to the victim.



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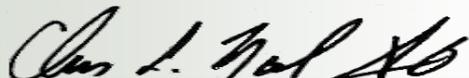
- b. Stay close to the body.
- c. Keep your hands out of any blood that has pooled.
- d. Do not wander around the scene.
- e. Minimize destruction of the patient's clothing. If the patient's clothing has a puncture, do not use the hole in the clothing to start cutting. Begin cutting at another part of the garment. Removed clothing should be left with the patient or turned over to law enforcement personnel.
- f. DO NOT go through the victim's personal effects or clean the body or cover the body with a sheet or other material (if expired).
- g. DO NOT move, take, or handle any object at the scene or litter the crime scene with medical equipment, dressings, bandages, etc.
- i. If resuscitation efforts are deemed necessary, transfer the victim from the scene to the vehicle expeditiously and stabilize the victim in the vehicle, when possible.
- j. If the patient relates any information relating to the crime while in transit to the medical facility, inform law enforcement personnel at once.



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