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TO: Bureau Commanders	SUBJECT: Response to Scenes Involving Injured Persons or Apparent Deaths
FROM: Ronnie Bastin Chief of Police	

All personnel should be reminded of the priorities of the Division of Police when responding to scenes, and shall comply with the following policy changes effective immediately.

- The first responsibility of all personnel responding to any scene that involves sick/injured persons or apparent deaths remains and shall always be the preservation of life. The first officer on scene is responsible for immediately requesting EC and rendering medical aid appropriate to their training and ability until relieved by medical or other Division personnel.
- After ensuring appropriate medical care for all victims, the first officer on scene is responsible for the preservation and initial documentation of the crime scene. The preservation of life will always take priority over efforts to locate, secure and document evidence.
- Effective immediately, the Division of Fire shall be requested for all apparent deaths and will assume responsibility for pronouncing death. Additionally, the Division of Fire will now assume the responsibility for notification of the Coroner.

A formal policy that includes these changes to protocol will be forthcoming.

Ronnie Bastin
Chief of Police