



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE

This policy outlines the appropriate actions to be taken in the event of a fire related fatality. All personnel shall be aware of the aspects of this policy that pertain to their involvement.

POLICY

When there is a fire death the following procedures will be followed:

The scene will immediately be secured, and the body will not be moved unless the body would be further damaged by spread of fire or possible building collapse. When possible, if a body has to be moved, it should be photographed before the body is moved.

When the normal removal of body is taking place, it will be done in conjunction with the coroner and according to the following procedures:

1. Photograph of body from at least two angles. (If the body is covered with debris, it will first be photographed with debris in place.)
2. Then debris will be removed keeping debris separate from other debris preferably in can or container
3. When body is being removed, it should be outlined with chalk or marking tape first
4. Then a picture or pictures showing the normal escape route victim should have taken and also picture of anything preventing exit
5. Investigators shall make notes of any code violations
6. Request an autopsy including fire-related tests

Command will immediately notify the following people or agencies:

1. Police or appropriate law enforcement agency
2. Coroner
3. Fire Marshal's Office
4. Fire Chief
5. Mayor

Approved

Fire Chief

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