**Best Practices for First Responders on Fatality Calls**

Guidance for police, fire and EMS responding to fatality calls during COVID-19

There is **NO** evidence that dead bodies transmit COVID-19

Utilize the following practices to ensure your safety when responding to fatalities:

- **Check MPS/SS/LOI PRIOR to arrival**
  - Addresses of county quarantined and COVID-19 positive cases will be conveyed here
  - Dispatchers may also advise via radio or phone

- **Don PPE BEFORE entering scene**
  - Gloves
  - Barrier/Medical masks
  - Try to avoid touching surfaces
  - Do not touch the body unless absolutely necessary
  - From other responders
  - From residents and/or other on-lookers

- **AVOID entering the scene if possible**
  - Remove BEFORE getting into vehicle
  - Dispose of gloves and masks in appropriate receptacles

- **Be mindful of social distancing (6 ft)**
  - Avoid touching face
  - Wash or sanitize hands ASAP

- **Doff PPE when exiting scene**

- **Employ personal hygiene**