



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

727 – DEATH NOTIFICATION

GENERAL ORDER: 2025-60
ISSUED: December 16, 2025

EFFECTIVE: December 16, 2025

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner
DATE: November 3, 2025

ACTION: Amends General Order 2021-20 (September 3, 2021)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE

ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

727.20 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WITHIN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

- F. Members shall address survivor(s) in a straightforward manner and use easy-to-understand language to briefly explain the circumstances of the incident and the fact that the individual is dead.
4. Whenever possible, a facial photograph should be taken of the deceased. Ideally the photograph should be taken in profile (side view) and changed to gray scale (black and white) to minimize the trauma to family members. The photograph can be taken by a forensic investigator, crime scene investigator, or crime scene trained officer (CST) who will accompany the officer(s)/detective(s) to make the notification. Prior to having the photograph taken, the member shall notify their shift commander. Shift commanders shall then notify the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) at extension [REDACTED] and the CIB shift commander shall determine if a CST, forensic investigator, or crime scene investigator will respond to the scene.

727.30 NOTIFICATION REQUESTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- B. The Forensics Division shall then fax the request to the ~~Technical Communications Division~~ Department of Emergency Communications (DEC).
- C. A ~~Technical Communications Division~~ supervisor shall DEC will then contact the appropriate district or division to ensure a prompt notification is made pursuant to 727.20.

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CHIEF OF POLICE