

Transportation, Body Removal, and Recovery of Parts

1118.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

As a component of the medicolegal death investigation, Deputy Coroners may determine that a decedent requires transportation to the Coroner Division Facility for further investigation and/or examination by a Coroner pathologist. This policy establishes requirements of Deputy Coroners when arranging for the transportation of a decedent or partial human remains.

1118.2 TRANSPORTATION

All decedents received by the Coroner Division Facility shall be transported by the contract mortuary transportation service.

1118.3 PARTIAL REMAINS

In the event of body dismemberment, Deputy Coroners shall make every effort to recover all body parts from the incident or death location.

- (a) If any portion of a body cannot be located, Deputy Coroners shall immediately notify the on-duty Watch Commander and call for additional resources as needed to assist with a search of the scene.

1118.4 BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Biological evidence, including body parts, may be transported in the trunk of the Deputy Coroner's vehicle, so long as he/she can properly secure the item in an appropriate spill proof container.