

SAEMS Dead On Scene Standing Order

Inclusion

Pulseless

Exclusion

Hypothermia, lightning strikes, submersion

Conditions Incompatible with Life

- Decapitated
- Decomposed
- Burned beyond recognition
- Absence of signs of life in a patient with a signed DNR order

Non-traumatic Cardiac Arrest

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

- Un-witnessed Arrest
- > 30 min down time
- No pulse for 60 sec
- PEA/Asystole or non-shockable rhythm on AED

OR

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

- Witnessed Arrest
- 20 minutes of resuscitation with
 - PEA & EtCO₂ < 10
 - OR
 - Asystole or non-shockable rhythm on AED

Penetrating Trauma & Cardiac Arrest

- IF airway obstruction or tension pneumothorax: Consider OPA/NPA and bilateral needle thoracostomy

AND

- IF continued pulseless AND time to Level I trauma center > 15 min

Blunt Trauma & Cardiac Arrest

- IF airway obstruction or tension pneumothorax: Consider OPA/NPA and bilateral needle thoracostomy

AND

- IF continued pulseless on scene

ORDERS

Withdraw OR Withhold
resuscitative efforts

SPECIAL NOTE:

If there are scene or patient circumstances in which providers, family, or other stakeholders would benefit from transporting a patient unlikely to survive their illness/injury, the treating EMS team can elect to do so in a safe manner. If asked for a time of death please provide the "TIME at which resuscitation was withheld/withdrawn."