

## **IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE**

### **06.20 TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION NOTIFICATION**

#### **I. GENERAL**

- A. State Communications is Idaho's designated tissue and organ donation notification point of contact.**

#### **II. TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION**

- A. In order to comply with the intent of [I.C. 39-3413](#) and help facilitate lifesaving organ and tissue transplants, ISP will participate in the tissue and organ donation program.**
  - 1. All ISP troopers who meet the requirements of I.C. 39-3413 shall make a reasonable search of an individual they believe is dead or near death for a “document of gift,” “organ donor,” or other information identifying the individual as a tissue/organ donor, or as an individual who made a refusal of such donation.**
  - 2. Once the individual has been identified, the ISP trooper instructs the ISP Regional Communications Center to notify State Communications.**
  - 3. Notifications should be prompt, as organs can be recovered up to 24-hours after death or last time decedent was known to be alive. The only pre-hospital deaths that State Communications should not be notified of are those where the decedent has made a refusal of donation explicitly clear.**
- B. ISP Regional Communications Center notifies State Communications. In cases of death, the funeral home, or coroner or medical examiner's office should be called to determine where to transport the body.**
- C. The following information is provided to the State Communications dispatcher:**
  - 1. Name and date of birth of the deceased.**
  - 2. Where the body is being transported.**
- D. ISP troopers:**
  - 1. ensure the body is protected from further trauma or contamination;**
  - 2. close the victim's eyelids to maintain moisture of corneas for possible transplant, as soon as the investigation allows; and**
  - 3. consult the medical examiner representative if questions arise about compromising the integrity of physical evidence on/in the body.**