

## 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.