

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: 1100.10
MISCELLANEOUS:
DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS
(DNR)**

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Overview:

Competent adults have the legal right of self-determination in health care decisions including the choice of no resuscitation efforts in the event they become pulseless and apneic.

Contact with Medical Direction is required for all DNR situations and responses by EMS. Emergency care and the extent of the resuscitation (i.e. full code or DNR) will be determined by Medical Direction based on the following:

- EMS assessment of the patient and clinical presentation
 - Existence of Advanced Care Directives
1. If there is any question or ambiguity exists, the EMS personnel will begin full resuscitation measures.
 2. The paramedic should document the following on all DNR patients:
 - Physician's name contacted
 - Physical assessment findings
 - Any treatment rendered by the EMS crew
 - EKG interpretation
 - Type of documentation for DNR status
 - Time of determination of death
 - Any unusual or extenuating circumstances