

# Medina Police Department

Subject: <b>Fatal Accidents</b>	Policy Number: <b>2200</b>	<b>Fatal Accidents 2200</b>
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## **2200.1 – PURPOSE**

It shall be the policy of the Medina Police Department to write all motor vehicle accidents, resulting in deaths, occurring within the City of Medina.

## **2200.2 – PROCEDURE**

The procedure for writing fatal accident reports shall be the same as for the investigation of personal injury accident reports, with the following additions:

1. The Chief of Police shall be notified immediately.
2. State Patrol shall be requested for reconstruction.
3. Crime Lab shall immediately be called to the scene for processing.
4. If a motor vehicle carrier is involved, State guidelines shall be followed.
5. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner shall be notified and requested to the scene.
6. The body or bodies will not be moved until permission from the Hennepin County Medical Examiner is obtained.
7. Notification of the next of kin will be made in cooperation with the Hennepin County Medical Examiner. Notification should be made in person by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.
8. The Chief of Police or designate will not release the name of the victim(s) until the notification of next of kin is made.
9. Only the Chief of Police or his designate will release information to the media.
10. Officers will not make any statements of fault or speculation as to the cause of the accident.
11. Written or taped statements will be taken from witnesses and drivers.
12. No citations will be issued at the scene. Formal complaints may be issued at a later time by the Hennepin County Attorney or the Medina City Attorney, if appropriate.

13. All drivers involved where probable cause exists, a search warrant will be obtained prior to testing for alcohol and/or drugs. (In cases of fatalities, Implied Consent is not necessary; however, the proper procedures for DWI should be followed if the driver(s) are cooperative.

Reports will not be disseminated until the investigation is complete with the exception of the draft of the State Accident Report may be released with the approval of the Chief of Police or designee.