When patient meets criteria for declaration of death in the field:

- Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency if applicable
- Remain on the scene until law enforcement or coroner arrive if applicable
- Complete a Field Determination of Death Form at scene and leave one copy for coroner if applicable

When patient meets criteria for declaration of death in the field:

- Confirm pulseless and apneic
- CPR may be withheld, and death declared if ANY of the following criteria below are met:

  - MCI Incident
    - Death is determined according to S.T.A.R.T. triage

  - Submersion ≥1 hour
    - Physical examination of body with accurate and reliable history of submersion time

  - Valid Advance Directive or POLST
    - Form indicates that resuscitation is not desired

  - Obvious Clinical Signs of Irreversible Death
    - Rigor Mortis
    - Dependent Lividity
    - Decapitation
    - Transection
    - Decomposition
    - Incineration

  - Significant MOI: BOTH must be present
    - Evidence of significant trauma or blood loss
    - Absence of potentially reversible cause of arrest

Consideration for ALS Care (ATG 6) – Strong family insistence on resuscitation and/or circumstances where scene or bystander safety is threatened.