

UPDATE: NYPD has failed to respond to a FOIL request for basic DOA call data

14 months overdue is inexcusable - what's going on?

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On 14 March 2020, I submitted a request to New York City police department (NYPD) for the number of calls on each day between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2023 that involved NYPD coming to the scene where one or more persons was pronounced dead.



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Title:

Daily number of calls involving NYPD coming to the scene where someone had died.

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**New York City
Police Department
(NYPD)**

Due Date:
08/02/2024

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Responses

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tuesday, 03/26/2024 at
6:02 AM

I made this request for two reasons:

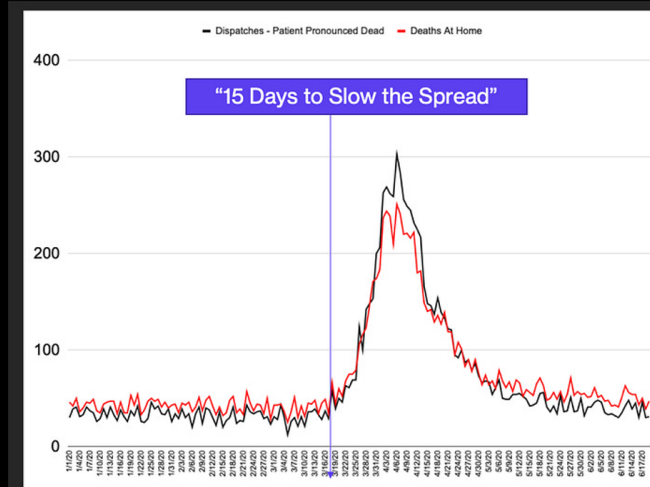
1. To corroborate information a former New York City police officer who worked on the DOA unit shared with me in an off-the-record conversation. (See footnote 19

in “Eleven Serious Problems with the New York City Spring 2020 Mass Casualty Event”).

2. To cross-check and further analyze the systematic and anomalous nature of time-series data for deaths occurring at home (records obtained from NYC DOH), FDNY ambulance dispatch time-series for calls that resulted in a patient being pronounced dead on the scene (see [Problems 9 and 10](#). Slides below from [this presentation](#)) and [federal data on autopsies conducted](#).

Home Deaths usually exceed Pronounced Dead dispatches, likely because not all home deaths are unanticipated and involve calling 911 for a medical emergency.

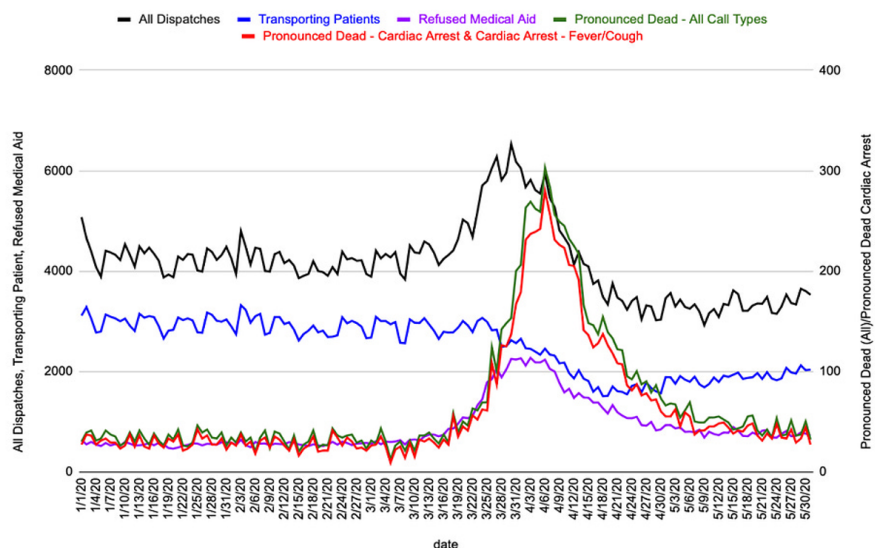
That pattern changed for ~6 weeks, which suggests more Pronounced Dead dispatches at non-Home locations.



Daily home death data obtained via FOIL. Requested from NYC DOHMH on 6/15/23 by Jessica Hockett. Records received on 7/26/23. Pronounced Dead dispatches from <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/EMS-Incident-Dispatch-Data>

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The request was acknowledged on 26 March 2024, with a due date of 2 August 2024. Follow-up inquiries for an update were not acknowledged. I sent another request today for an update or responsive records.

Readers may recall that that FDNY suddenly closed my request for ambulance transfer data, following a 14-month saga. I never received a reply to the appeal I submitted in May 2024 and asked this week for an update.