

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

Coroner

FY2008 Highlights

- We attended continuing education to keep up to date on the latest trends in the field of Forensics.
- Over all case load has remained constant, but the time that is devoted to each case has increased as we see more of our population not being able to afford medical care and thus having no medical history, those cases must be autopsied.
- We have seen a decrease in the number of motor vehicle crashes and I believe that has occurred because of programs instituted through law enforcement and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving.
- We are seeing an increase in the number of deaths involving Heroin and are working with law enforcement and sharing information so charges may be brought against the offenders.
- We also speak to Civic and Community service groups to acquaint them with the workings of the Coroner's office.

FY2009 Goals

- Staff completion of the National Incident Management Service certification. This enables the County to be reimbursed with Federal funds for expenses incurred during a catastrophic emergency.
- Working with State Legislators to enact legislation on the proper disposal of prescription medications that are found in the home of a decedent at the time of their death.
- Continue to go into high school Health and Government classes to educate the students about the duties of the Coroner's office as well as addressing the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Review and update the Coroner's Disaster plan so we are prepared to handle the large volume of deaths that may occur in the event of a disaster (Bird Flu, Germ Warfare, etc.)