



Prosecuting Attorney - Coroner 00100.843.

Mission Statement

Determine the manner and cause for deaths falling under the jurisdiction of the Coroner by conducting professional, medicolegal death investigations. Ensure that grieving families are treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

The Coroner's Office is dedicated to improving the professional development of all staff through continued training while working collaboratively with the community to identify and proactively respond to issues and concerns related to death investigations.

Function

Determine the manner and cause of deaths falling under the jurisdiction of the Coroner.

Trends/Events

- Pursuant to the evolution of the coroner function, we are experiencing more calls for service on an annual basis.
- Deaths due to accidental overdose have decreased since 2016.
- Suicides have decreased significantly since our high in 2018.
- With increased frequency, we are seeing a need for additional expertise and sending the deceased to King County for examination.
- Increasingly complex death scenes are requiring more time out of the office and on scene assisting death investigation.
- Proposed legislation at the state level will likely require county coroners to be credentialed at a level never before required (Death Investigator Certification and Office Accreditation requirements).

Goals

- Fully utilize MDI Log to replace department-created spreadsheets.
- Update processes for monitoring and reporting statistics using MDI Log.
- Complete Death Investigator Certification for at least two staff as part of the continued effort to provide coroner services at a higher level to our community.
- Participate in all county-led Emergency Management Meetings that implicate work in the Coroner's Office (planning for mass fatality, etc).
- Purchase supplies and assemble emergency kits for distribution across the county.
- Update policies and procedures in effort toward accreditation.

Workload Indicators

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual
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Total Coroner Cases	185	208	106
Autopsies	40	64	29
No Autopsies	145	144	77

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue. State reimburses 40% of pathologist costs for autopsies. The state reimburses 100% of costs relative to the death of a child under 3 years of age.

Revenues

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual	2020 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	30,800	46,200	15,809	33,360
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	1
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	54,269	81,753	45,653	118,439
Total	\$85,069	\$127,953	\$61,462	\$151,800

Expenditures

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual	2020 Budget
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0
Personnel Benefits	0	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	0	0
Other Services and Charges	85,069	127,953	61,462	151,800
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	\$85,069	\$127,953	\$61,462	\$151,800

Staffing

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00