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**2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

***Message from the Medical Examiner:***

To the Honorable Members of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors,

On January 5, 2015, the Jefferson County Coroner's Office transitioned to a Medical Examiner's Office. Throughout the year, policies and procedures were reviewed and revised, staff performances were monitored, and structure to the office was formed. A brief summary of 2015 accomplishments are as follows:

- Implementation of an electronic database and electronic files which have allowed better retention of and access to all office records and statistics
- Addition of policies for indigent disposition and autopsy case transport
- Revision of office procedures, including agency reporting guidelines, general investigation, postmortem tissue recovery, and mass fatality procedures
- Restructure of staff
- Implementation of training guidelines for staff

Over the last year, the Medical Examiner's Office has seen significant improvement in its investigations, written reports, and overall rapport per feedback provided to the Medical Examiner. These improvements have helped to form and maintain valuable relationships as well as trust in the office.

Several goals for 2016 include, but are not limited to, further organizing and structuring the office, establishing electronic files for past cases, and supporting the staff's continuing education. Additionally, the office will continue to provide mutual aid for other counties. I look forward to another productive year in Jefferson County. Please see the following pages for the office's latest statistics.

Respectfully,

*Nichol Wayd  
Medical Examiner*

## Medical Examiner Statistics

### Monthly Case Totals<sup>1</sup>

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2011</b>	35	33	37	41	54	38	39	31	30	35	29	39	<b>441</b>
<b>2012</b>	49	53	34	29	47	40	49	56	46	43	37	47	<b>530</b>
<b>2013</b>	58	41	39	48	44	32	42	42	43	36	46	46	<b>517</b>
<b>2014</b>	42	45	48	42	44	49	46	51	39	54	29	40	<b>529</b>
<b>2015</b>	60	46	40	36	35	39	33	47	48	48	53	40	<b>525</b>

### Case Type

Year	Scene Investigation	Phone Investigation	Cremation-Only
<b>2015</b>	123	205	179

### Manners of Death<sup>2</sup>

Year	Natural	Accidental	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	Pending
<b>2011</b>	415	20	5	1	0	0
<b>2012</b>	495	29	4	1	1	0
<b>2013</b>	482	28	7	0	0	0
<b>2014</b>	449	38	12	2	3	0
<b>2015</b>	465	46	11	1	1	1

### Cause of Death Statistics

Year	Total Drug-Related	Heroin-Related	Traffic Fatalities
<b>2014</b>	17	5	12
<b>2015</b>	14	6	9

<sup>1</sup> Includes all cases reported: phone and scene investigations, mutual aid, and cremation-only.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all reported deaths and cremation-only cases.

**Other Case Statistics**

Year	Disinterment	Indigent	Mutual Aid
2011	1	N/A	36
2012	0	N/A	26
2013	0	N/A	40
2014	0	N/A	27
2015	0	3	11

**Tissue Recovery**

Year	Cases Reported	Completed Recoveries
2015	14	5

**Documents and Reports**

Year	Cremation Permits	Death Certificates	Autopsies Completed	Toxicology Reports
2011	240	82	17	51
2012	297	96	31	58
2013	301	95	28	43
2014	316	112	42	72
2015	382	124	43	20

**Revenue Details**

Source	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cremation Permits	N/A	N/A	\$54,925	\$56,875	\$74,000
Death Certificates	N/A	N/A	\$1,850	\$2,100	\$3,100
Tissue Recovery	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$800
Other	N/A	N/A	\$2,885	\$4,210	\$255
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,065</b>	<b>\$51,925</b>	<b>\$59,660</b>	<b>\$63,185</b>	<b>\$78,155</b>