



SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AT DALLAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	18,000
Deaths Reported to Office:	16,032
Deaths Investigated: <i>(excludes NR cases)</i>	15,546
Deaths Certified: <i>(includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)</i>	6,202
Scenes Investigated:	1,115
Bodies Brought to Facility:	4,992 (80.49% of Deaths Certified)
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,438

2. Examinations

Total Exams:	4,992
Autopsies:	4,004 (64.56% of Deaths Certified)
Inspections:	988 (15.93% of Deaths Certified)
Partial Autopsies:	0
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,590 (39.71% of Deaths Certified)
Toxicology Studies:	4,702 (4,702 Completed)
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	3,965
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	99.03%
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	4,702 (100.00%)
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	4,702 (100.00%)
Microscopic Studies:	1,531 (38.24% of Autopsies Performed)
Neuropathologic Studies:	208 (5.19% of Autopsies Performed)
Cardiac Pathology Studies:	0 (0% of Autopsies Performed)

3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	486/7.84	486/12.14
Suicide	500/8.06	491/12.26
All Accidents	2,087/33.65	1,499/37.44
non-MVA Accidents	1,426/22.99	883/22.05
MVA Accidents	684/11.03	634/15.83
Natural	2,948/47.53	1,378/34.42
Undetermined	143/2.31	134/3.35
Undefined	38/0.61	15/0.37
Pending	0/0.00	0/0.00
Other	0/0.00	0/0.00

4. Performance and Outcome Measures

Count of NAME Autopsies: <i>(Autopsies plus 1/5 External)</i>	4202
1/5 External Exams:	198
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4622/92.59% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4873/97.62% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	4,993
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Still In Progress and Less than 90 days:	0
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Still In Progress and Greater than 90 days:	0
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days:	4,985

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days:	4,733
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	10
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	100%
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	95%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed:	4004
Count of Autopsies Only That are Still In Progress and Less than 90 days:	0
Count of Autopsies Only That are Still In Progress and Greater than 90 days:	0
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days:	3997
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days:	3764
Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	10
Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	100%
Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	94%

	Autopsies	Inspections	NAME Autopsies	Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)
Staff ME's:	3,489	846	3,658	348
Chief/Deputy Chief:	514	142	542	271
All ME's Collectively:	4,004	988	4,202	323

5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	8 (0.13% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	7 (0.17% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	60 (1.50% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	174 (4.35% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	71
Unclaimed Bodies:	276
Exhumations:	0
Forensic Anthropology consultations:	115