

CORONERS - 1185

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Albany County Coroner's Office is to investigate deaths which occur in a non-medical setting or which are suspicious in nature. The Coroner's expeditiously investigate and record fatalities and assist survivors who are grieving or experiencing trauma as a result of the death of a loved one.

WHO WE SERVE

Citizens of Albany County and in some circumstances people from other counties or states that die in our jurisdiction.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The four elected Coroners investigate all deaths which are suspicious in nature or occur in a non-medical setting. They must maintain complete and accurate records of all cases and provide timely information and copies of reports to next-of-kin. In addition, the Coroners provide reports to appropriate agencies in cases involving children, prisoners and mental health patients. Services are provided 24-hours per day, seven days a week, year round.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- All deaths are investigated by our Albany County Coroners professionally and are performed in a timely manner.
- Our office provides next-of-kin, police agencies, and government agencies with accuracy and professionalism.
- Our Pathologists are highly educated and are recognized throughout Albany County and surrounding Counties.

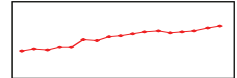
2014 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Our office cannot not predict the number of cases we will have year-to-year, therefore, cutting costs is not an option. Enhancing revenues for 2014 through increasing the current cost of Inmate Autopsies from \$1,699 to \$2,000 is an option. The last increase for the inmate autopsies was 2009. In order to maintain services we cannot decrease costs. Increasing the level of services with existing resources will stay the same.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2014 Executive budget for the Coroner's Office does not include any substantive programmatic changes.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$330,362
1999:	\$353,262
2000:	\$339,911
2001:	\$373,891
2002:	\$379,938
2003:	\$486,310
2004:	\$471,064
2005:	\$524,577
2006:	\$538,663
2007:	\$575,819
2008:	\$594,527
2009:	\$615,693
2010:	\$585,823
2011:	\$602,687
2012:	\$603,397
2013:	\$647,109
2014:	\$674,349

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The Coroner and assistants are responsible for notifying family when a death occurs. Sometimes this means investigations through public and personal records. If necessary, they also conduct a viewing for body identification. We deal with and must help the grieving families and direct them to the proper resources. Dealing with people grieving a death takes great sympathy and empathy, and coroners must master these skills to ensure that the situation is taken care of with compassion.

				2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2014	2014
				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
Personnel Services Individual										
A	1185	10120 001	160001 Coroner	1	1	\$15,929	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$20,443	-
A	1185	10120 002	160002 Coroner	1	1	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$20,443	-
A	1185	10120 003	160003 Coroner	1	1	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$20,443	-
A	1185	10120 004	160004 Coroner	1	1	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$19,263	\$20,443	-
A	1185	16207 001	160005 Clerk I P/T	1	1	\$10,197	\$11,902	\$11,902	\$11,902	-
A	1185	16401 001	160006 Confidential Secretary	1	1	\$37,387	\$38,897	\$39,675	\$39,675	-
<i>Personnel Services Individual Subtotal</i>				6	6	\$121,301	\$127,851	\$128,629	\$133,349	\$0
Personnel Non-Individual										
A	1185	19950	Longevity Raise			\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0
A	1185	19951	Health Insurance Buyout			\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
<i>Personnel Non-Individual Subtotal</i>						\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$0
Equipment										
Contractual Expenses										
A	1185	44020	Office Supplies			\$74	\$1,800	\$300	\$300	\$0
A	1185	44035	Postage			\$323	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$0
A	1185	44036	Telephone			\$5,871	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0
A	1185	44037	Insurance			\$639	\$804	\$674	\$674	\$0
A	1185	44038	Travel,Mileage,Freight			\$9,195	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
A	1185	44039	Conferences, Training, Tuition			\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
A	1185	44042	Printing And Advertising			\$282	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
A	1185	44046	Fees For Services			\$45,746	\$38,500	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
A	1185	44048	Laboratory Fees And Services			\$169,599	\$160,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0
A	1185	44065	Photocopier Lease			\$110	\$112	\$112	\$112	\$0
A	1185	44070	Equipment Repair And Rental			\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
A	1185	44252	Medical Services/Therapy			\$148,256	\$170,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0
A	1185	44300	Association Dues			\$0	\$440	\$440	\$440	\$0
A	1185	44903	DGS Shared Services Charges			\$11,641	\$11,812	\$12,197	\$12,197	\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>						\$391,736	\$403,643	\$428,898	\$428,898	\$0
Fringe Benefits										
A	1185	89010	State Retirement			\$14,654	\$29,215	\$27,524	\$27,524	\$0
A	1185	89030	Social Security			\$9,297	\$9,914	\$10,366	\$10,366	\$0
A	1185	89060	Hospital and Medical Insurance			\$63,172	\$75,266	\$76,782	\$76,782	\$0
<i>Fringe Benefits Subtotal</i>						\$87,123	\$114,395	\$114,672	\$114,672	\$0
Total Appropriations						\$602,660	\$647,634	\$674,349	\$680,249	\$0
Revenue										
A	1185	02770	Other Unclassified Revenues			(\$122)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A	1185	03036	Reimbursement Coroners Exp.			\$10,194	(\$22,087)	(\$13,592)	(\$13,592)	\$0
Total Revenue						\$10,073	(\$22,087)	(\$13,592)	(\$13,592)	\$0
County Share						\$612,733	\$625,547	\$660,757	\$666,657	\$0