

As Of <= 03/31/2025

Medical Examiner Department

The mission of the Medical Examiner Department is to provide accurate, timely, dignified, compassionate and professional death investigative services for the citizens of Miami-Dade County, together with education, consultation and research for local and national medical, legal, academic and law enforcement communities.

Owner: Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
Department: Medical Examiner

Perspective Name	Objective Name	Measure Name	Last Period Updated		Actual	Target	Actual FYTD	FYTD Goal	
Customer	Maintain all available certifications in order to provide professional service in support of Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Percent of staff doctors meeting case load (NAME Accreditation) guidelines	2024 FY	🔴	50%	100%	50%	100%	🔴
		Percent Staff Pathologist Meeting Florida Association of Medical Examiners Autopsy Case Load Guidelines	2024 FY	🟢	67%	100%	67%	100%	🟢
		Percentage of all death investigations performed by the department that are certified as to cause and manner of death within 90 days	Mar '25	🟢	92%	90%	88%	90%	🟡
		Death investigations completed within 60 days	Mar '25	🟡	84%	90%	81%	90%	🟡
		Autopsies performed within 72 hours	Mar '25	🟡	100%	90%	99%	90%	🟡
		National Association of Medical Examiners - Performance Measure: 90% of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted or coroner's authorization is granted, or within 48 hours of	Mar '25	🟡	100	90	98	90	🟡
	Provide timely service to meet certification standards and/or support Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Autopsy protocol preparation time (calendar days)	Mar '25	🟢	7	14	17	14	🟡
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team - Average Arrival Response Time (Minutes)	Mar '25	🔴	64	60	n/a	n/a	
		Number of decedents released to funeral homes within 90 days from the date of receipt to the Medical Examiner Department	Feb '25	🟢	5	90	7	90	🟢
		90 % of autopsies or external examinations performed with religious objections within twenty-four hours (Engagement)	Mar '25	🔴	86	90	77	90	🔴
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team (FERT) 60-minute response rate	Mar '25	🔴	73 %	90 %	89 %	90 %	🟡
		Number of Medicolegal Scene Calls per Month	Jan '25	🔴	6	11	15	44	🔴
	Provide accurate service in support of Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Toxicology case turnaround time (in days)	Mar '25	🟡	38	35	35	35	🟢
		Indigent cremation service cases processed annually	2025 FY	🔴	206	860	206	860	🔴
		Crime scene investigations conducted by Medical Examiners	2025 FY	🟢	35	101	35	101	🟢
		Body count in refrigerated storage	Mar '25	🔴	145	125	143	125	🔴
	Maintain contingency space for mass fatality scenario.								
Financial	Meet Budget Targets (Medical Examiner)	Expen: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ2	🟢	\$4,266K	\$4,496K	\$8,147K	\$8,992K	🟢
		Revenue: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ2	🔴	\$249K	\$4,496K	\$461K	\$8,992K	🔴
		Positions: Full-Time Filled (ME)	'25 FQ2	🔴	86	93	n/a	n/a	
Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand.	Toxicology Case Requests Processed (ME District 11, Miami-Dade)	Mar '25	🟡	211	220	1,029	1,320	🟡
		Deaths Certified Annually (Autopsies, External Examinations, Skeletal Examinations and Telephone Cases)	2025 FY	🟢	1,178	2,663	1,178	2,663	🟢
		Body Disposition Requests Processed /Approved per Florida Statute	2025 FY	🔴	6,405	12,178	6,405	12,178	🔴
		Death investigations conducted	2024 FY	🟢	15,757	17,000	15,757	17,000	🟢
		Autopsies Performed Annually (Fiscal)	2024 FY	🟢	1,750	1,793	1,750	1,793	🟢
		Toxicology tests (assays) performed	2025 FY	🔴	8,096	13,000	8,096	13,000	🔴

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* - This measure has been annualized to match the fiscal year-to-date total for this report. This year-to-date measure is configured based on the calendar year.

Initiatives for Objectives

Objective Name	Initiative	As Of	Status	Budget	Timing	Owners
Infrastructure Upgrades - Medical Examiner (Engagement)	Morgue Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
	Histology Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
	Toxicology Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
Maintain all available certifications in order to provide professional service in support of Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Training Activities for Medical Examiner Department	2/7/2025	Complete			Rivera-Morales, Jorge (ME)

Initiatives for Scorecard

Initiative	As Of	Status	Budget	Timing	Owners
Morgue Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
Case Management and Laboratory Information Software System	1/31/2025	In Progress			Rivera-Morales, Jorge (ME)
Histology Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
Training Activities for Medical Examiner Department	2/7/2025	Complete			Rivera-Morales, Jorge (ME)
Toxicology Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Hutchins, Kenneth (ME)
Audio Visual System	1/28/2025	In Progress			Rivera-Morales, Jorge (ME)

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