

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 contingency space for mass fatality scenario	Body count in refrigerated storage	Jun '25		135	125	140	125			
		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	Jun '25		92%	90%	89%	90%		
			Death investigations completed within 60 days	Jun '25		86%	90%	82%	90%		
			Autopsies performed within 72 hours	Jun '25		98%	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	Jun '25		95	90	97	90		
			Provide accurate service in support of Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Number of Medicolegal Scene Calls per Month	Jun '25		4	11	40	99	
				Toxicology case turnaround time (in days)	Jun '25		22	35	33	35	
	Indigent cremation service cases processed annually			2023 FY		727	943	727	943		
	Crime scene investigations conducted by Medical Examiners	2018 FY			174	144	174	144			
	Provide timely service to meet certification standards and/or support Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Autopsy protocol preparation time (calendar days)		Jun '25		6	14	13	14		
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team - Average Arrival Response Time (Minutes)	Jun '25		62	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)	Jun '25		65	90	77	90			
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team (FERT) 60-minute response rate	Jun '25		37 %	90 %	81 %	90 %			
	Financial	Meet Budget Targets (Medical Examiner)	Expen: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ3		\$4,916K	\$4,497K	\$13,063K	\$13,489K		
			Revenue: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ3		\$242K	\$4,497K	\$703K	\$13,489K		
			Positions: Full-Time Filled (ME)	'25 FQ3		81	93	n/a	n/a		
Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand	Toxicology Case Requests Processed (ME District 11, Miami-Dade)	Jun '25		254	220	1,739	1,980			
		Deaths Certified Annually (Autopsies, External Examinations, Skeletal Examinations and Telephone Cases)	2022 FY		2,666	3,029	2,666	3,029			
		Body Disposition Requests Processed /Approved per Florida Statute	2021 FY		13,461	9,666	13,461	9,666			
		Death investigations conducted	2024 FY		15,757	17,000	15,757	17,000			
		Autopsies Performed Annually (Fiscal)	2019 FY		1,834	1,773	1,834	1,773			
		Toxicology tests (assays) performed	2024 FY		18,759	13,000	18,759	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
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)
Digital Camera Kits	5/14/2025	In Progress			Wolf, Leonard (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)
Morgue Cooler - Autopsy Tray Replacement	5/14/2025	In Progress			Garner, LaTishia (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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