

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: Mathis, Benjamin (ME)
Department: Medical Examiner

Perspective Name	Objective Name	Measure Name	Last Period Updated		Actual	Target	Actual FYTD	FYTD Goal		
Customer	Provide timely service to meet certification standards and/or support Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Autopsy protocol preparation time (calendar days)	Sep '25	▲	11	14	12	14	▲	
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team - Average Arrival Response Time (Minutes)	Sep '25	▲	59	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)	Sep '25	▼	77	90	75	90	▼	
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team (FERT) 60-minute response rate	Sep '25	▼	53 %	90 %	76 %	90 %	▼	
		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	Sep '25	▲	94%	90%	90%	90%	▲
		Maintain contingency space for mass fatality scenario	Death investigations completed within 60 days	Sep '25	■	87%	90%	83%	90%	■
	Autopsies performed within 72 hours		Sep '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		Sep '25	▲	98	90	97	90	▲	
	Body count in refrigerated storage		Sep '25	▼	148	125	140	125	▼	
	Number of Medicolegal Scene Calls per Month		Jul '25	▼	0	11	40	110	▼	
	Provide accurate service in support of Statutory Mandate (FS Chapter 406)		Toxicology case turnaround time (in days)	Sep '25	▲	33	35	32	35	▲
	Financial	Meet Budget Targets (Medical Examiner)	Crime scene investigations conducted by Medical Examiners Quarterly	'25 FQ4	▲	25	36	79	144	▲
			Indigent Cremation Service Cases Quarterly (Fiscal Year)	'25 FQ4	▼	233	215	878	860	▼
			Expen: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ4	▲	\$4,460K	\$4,497K	\$17,523K	\$17,986K	▲
	Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand	Revenue: Total (Medical Examiner)	'25 FQ4	▲	\$16,820K	\$4,497K	\$17,523K	\$17,986K	▼
Positions: Full-Time Filled (ME)			'25 FQ4	▼	82	93	n/a	n/a		
Toxicology Case Requests Processed (ME District 11, Miami-Dade)			Sep '25	■	168	220	2,216	2,640	■	
Death investigations conducted			2025 FY	▲	16,058	17,000	16,058	17,000	▲	
Toxicology tests (assays) performed			2025 FY	▲	17,615	13,000	17,615	13,000	▲	
		Body Disposition Requests Processed /Approved per Florida Statute Quarterly FY	'25 FQ3	▲	3,050	3,044	9,455	9,132	▲	
		Deaths Certified Quarterly (Autopsies, External Examinations, Skeletal Examinations and Telephone Cases)	'25 FQ4	▲	566	665	2,357	2,660	▲	

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Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand	Autopsies Performed Quarterly (Fiscal)	'25 FQ4		365	448	1,530	1,792	

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Key: - Initiative * - 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 Measures

There are no Initiatives associated to the Measures

Initiatives for Scorecard

Initiative	As Of	Status	Budget	Timing	Owners
Morgue Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Mathis, Benjamin (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			Mathis, Benjamin (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			Mathis, Benjamin (ME)
Audio Visual System	1/28/2025	In Progress			Rivera-Morales, Jorge (ME)

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