

As Of <= 03/31/2026

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)	Jan '26	10	14	▲	6	14	▲
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team - Average Arrival Response Time (Minutes)	Nov '25	62	60	▼	n/a	60	▼
		Percentage of decedents released to funeral homes within 90 days from the date of receipt by the Medical Examiner Department	Feb '25	500	90	▼	660	90	▼
		Percent of autopsies or external examinations performed with religious objections within twenty-four hours with a target of 90.	Dec '25	82	90	▼	79	90	▼
		Forensic Evidence Recovery Team (FERT) 60-minute response rate	Dec '25	52%	90%	▼	52%	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	2025 FY	86%	100%	▼	86%	100%	▼
		Percent Staff Pathologist Meeting Florida Association of Medical Examiners Autopsy Case Load Guidelines	2025 FY	100%	100%	▲	100%	100%	▲
		Percentage of all death investigations performed by the department that are certified as to cause and manner of death within 90 days	Mar '26	92%	90%	▲	93%	90%	▲
		Death investigations completed within 60 days	Mar '26	84%	90%	■	87%	90%	■
		Autopsies performed within 72 hours	Mar '26	100%	90%	▲	99%	90%	▲
		Percentage 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 receipt of the decedent if an externally referred autopsy	Dec '25	94	90	▲	95	90	▲
	Maintain contingency space for mass fatality scenario	Body count in refrigerated storage	Mar '26	160	125	▼	150	125	▼
	Provide accurate service in support of statutory mandate (FS Chapter 406)	Number of Medicolegal Scene Calls per Month	Jul '25	0	11	▼	40	110	▼
		Toxicology case turnaround time (in days)	Mar '26	33	35	▲	32	35	▲
		Crime scene investigations conducted by Medical Examiners Quarterly	'26 FQ1	32	36	▲	32	36	▲
		Indigent Cremation Service Cases Quarterly (Fiscal Year)	'26 FQ2	252	150	▼	456	300	▼
Financial	Meet Budget Targets (ME)	Expen: Total (ME)	'26 FQ2	\$5,009K	\$5,506K	▲	\$9,950K	\$11,012K	▲
		Revenue: Total (ME)	'26 FQ2	\$265K	\$5,506K	▼	\$491K	\$11,012K	▼
		Positions: Full-Time Filled (ME)	'26 FQ2	86	95	▼	n/a	95	▼
Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand	Toxicology Case Requests Processed (ME District 11, Miami-Dade)	Mar '26	216	220	■	1,554	1,320	■
		Death investigations conducted	2025 FY	16,058	17,000	▲	16,058	17,000	▲
		Toxicology tests (assays) performed	2026 FY	12,479	13,000	▼	12,479	13,000	▼
		Body Disposition Requests Processed /Approved per Florida Statute Quarterly FY	'25 FQ3	3,050	3,044	▲	9,455	9,132	▲

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Internal	Accurately monitor current activity and estimate future service demand	Deaths Certified Quarterly (Autopsies, External Examinations, Skeletal Examinations and Telephone Cases)	'26 FQ1	541	615		541	615	
		Autopsies Performed Quarterly (Fiscal)	'26 FQ1	386	428		386	428	

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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			

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			
Case Management and Laboratory Information Software System	1/31/2025	In Progress			
Histology Renovation	2/7/2025	In Progress			Mathis, Benjamin (ME)
Stretcher Replacement	2/6/2026	Complete			Garner, LaTishia (ME); St. Gerard, Claude (ME)
Training Activities for Medical Examiner Department	2/7/2025	Complete			
Laboratory Information Management System	1/28/2025	In Progress			
Alternative Light Source System	2/6/2026	Complete			
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	2/6/2026	In Progress			Yannelli Escobedo, Oscar (ME)