

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	District Attorney
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Rob Boggs
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

The ME's Office determines cause of death for residents who die in special circumstances, such as accidents, violence, drug involvement, and employment.

Program Description

The ME's Office determines cause of death for residents who die in special circumstances such as accidents, violence, drug involvement, and employment. Approximately 3,800 of the County's 7,000 yearly deaths fall into this category. The office is responsible for establishing cause and manner of death, notifying the next-of-kin, and protecting the property of the deceased until a personal representative takes charge. Local discretion is limited by the mandates and State Medical Examiner supervision authority arising from ORS 146. The DA's Office provides assistance when necessary.

Program Justification

Because the Medical Examiners Office is highly visible to the public whenever a death occurs within a community the program connects to the Communities factor of the public safety map and specifically falls under the Visible Public Safety System sub-factor.

Performance Measures

The performance measure is an annual statistical analysis of the number of reported cases plus the number of death notifications requested from outside the county. The resulting number represents the workload for the Medical Office.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

During the past year the Medical Examiners office had a total of 3950 reported cases and death notifications outside the county combined. This is slightly lower than the previous years combined total of 3990. This represents a small variation and this coming year the number of reported cases and death notifications should continue to be in the 3900 to 4000 range.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

Medical Examiner: ORS 146.085 Deputy medical examiners, 146.088 When medical examiner is officer or employee of public body, 146.090 Deaths requiring investigation, 146.095 Responsibility for investigation. (1) The district medical examiner and the district attorney for the county where death occurs, as provided by ORS 146.100 (2), shall be responsible for the investigation of all deaths requiring investigation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$755,497	\$0	\$812,416	\$0
Contracts	\$49,000	\$0	\$66,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$10,668	\$0	\$10,924	\$0
Internal Services	\$67,391	\$0	\$50,095	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$888,556	\$0	\$939,435	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$33,547	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$155,861	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$189,408	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$888,556	\$0	\$1,128,843	\$0
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Program FTE	0.00	0.00	10.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$8,863	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$8,863	\$0	\$3,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The ME office will generate \$3,000 in misc. service charge revenue.

Significant Program Changes

During FY 2005, the ME's Office moved to a new State-owned facility in Clackamas County. The facility houses deputy ME's for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties as well as State ME staff and the Oregon State Crime lab. As a result of this move the former County owned Medical Examiners facility located at 301 NE Knott Street is now considered a surplus facility for disposition purposes.